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Compounds of formula (I) wherein R¹, R², R⁷, R⁸, X, Y, M and L are defined as below. The compounds of formula (I) are cholinesterase inhibitors and are useful in enhancing memory in patients suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

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HETEROCYCLIC-CYCLIC AMINE DERIVATIVES Background of the Invention

The present invention relates to heterocyclic-cyclic amine derivatives of the formula I below, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds. The compounds of formula I are cholinesterase inhibitors and are useful in enhancing memory in patients suffering from

dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease is associated with degeneration of cholinergic neurons in the basal forebrain that play a fundamental role in cognitive functions, including memory. Becker et al., Drug Development Research, 12, 163-195 (1988). As a result of such degeneration, patients suffering from the disease exhibit a marked reduction in acetylcholine synthesis, choline acetyltransferase activity, acetylcholinesterase activity and choline uptake.

It is known that acetylcholinesterase inhibitors are effective in enhancing cholinergic activity and useful in improving the memory of Alzheimer's patients. By inhibiting acetylcholinesterase enzyme, these compounds increase the 25 level of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine, in the brain and thus enhance memory. Becker et al., supra, report that behavioral changes following cholinesterase inhibition levels coincide with predicted peak appear to acetylcholine in the brain. They also discuss the efficacy inhibitors known acetylcholinesterase 30 of the three physostigmine, metrifonate, and tetrahydroaminoacridine.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to compounds of the formula

R¹ Y—M N—L (1)

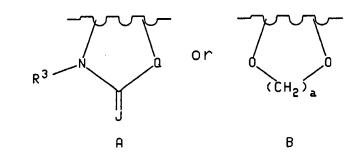
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wherein R1 and R2 are independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy, benzyloxy, phenoxy, hydroxy, phenyl, benzyl, halo, nitro, cyano, COR5, -COOR5, -CONHR5, -NR5R6, -NR5COR6, -OCONR⁵R⁶, -NHCOOR⁵, (C₁-C₆) alkyl optionally substituted with 15 from 1 to 3 fluorine atoms; SO_pCH_2 -phenyl or $SO_p(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl, pyridylmethyloxy or 2; wherein p is Ο, 1 2-oxazoly1. and 2-thiazolyl thienylmethyloxy; benzenesulfonamide; wherein the phenyl moieties of said phenoxy, benzyloxy, phenyl, benzyl and benzenesulfonamide thienyl moieties of said the pyridyl and groups, pyridylmethyloxy or thienylmethyloxy and the oxazolyl and thiazolyl moieties of said 2-oxaxolyl and 2-thiazolyl may optionally be substituted with substituents 1 or 2 (C_1-C_4) alkyl, independently selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, cyano, nitro and hydroxy.

or R^1 and R^2 , when attached to adjacent carbon atoms and when X is oxygen, sulfur or NR^4 wherein R^4 is hydrogen or $(C_1-C_4$ alkyl) may form, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, a group of the formula

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10 wherein J is oxygen, sulfur or NR4, "a" is 1 or 2, R3 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) alkyl and Q is oxygen, sulfur, NH, CHCH₃, $C(CH_3)_2$, -CH=CH-, or $(CH_2)_1$ wherein 1 is an integer from 1 to 3;

X is oxygen, sulfur, -CH=CH-, -CH=N-, -N=CH-, -N=N-, or NR^4 wherein R^4 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_4) alkyl;

Y is $-(CH_2)_m$ -, $-CH=CH(CH_2)_n$ -, $-NR^4(CH_2)_m$ -, or $-O(CH_2)_m$ wherein R4 is defined as above, n is an integer from 0 to 3 and m is an integer from 1 to 3;

R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently selected from hydrogen, 20 (C₁-C₆)alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, wherein the phenyl moieties of said phenyl and benzyl may optionally be substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, (C_1-C_4) alkyl, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, cyano, nitro and hydroxy, or NR5R6 together form a 4 25 to 8 membered ring wherein one atom of the ring is nitrogen and the others are carbon, oxygen or nitrogen (e.g. pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholino, piperazinyl or Nmethylpiperazinyl), or NR5COR6 together form a 4 to 8 membered cyclic lactam ring;

M is -CH- or nitrogen;

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phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl, phenyl, cinnamyl is pyridylmethyl, wherein the phenyl moieties of said phenyl and phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl may optionally be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from (C_1-C_6) alkyl, 35 (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_4) alkylcarbonyl, -OCONR⁵R⁶, -NHCOOR⁵ or halo; or L is a group of the formula

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wherein b is an integer from 1 to 4, R^{13} and R^{14} independently selected from hydrogen, (C1-C4) alkyl, halo and phenyl, E and F are independently selected from -CH- and 10 nitrogen, and G is oxygen, sulfur or NR^4 wherein R^4 is defined as above, with the proviso that when E and F are both nitrogen, one of R13 and R14 is absent; and

 ${\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}}^7$ and ${\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}}^8$ are independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) alkylcarbonyl and (C_1-C_6) alkoxy, with the proviso that said (C_1-C_6) alkoxy is not attached to a carbon that is adjacent to a nitrogen.

This invention also relates to the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of compounds of the formula Examples of such pharmaceutically acceptable acid salts are the salts of hydrochloric acid, 20 addition p-toluenesulfonic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, citric acid, salicylic acid, oxalic succinic hydrobromic acid, phosphoric acid, methanesulfonic acid, tartaric acid, di-p-toluoyl tartaric acid, and mandelic acid.

This invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition for inhibiting cholinesterase comprising a compound of the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable a pharmaceutically salt thereof, and addition acceptable carrier.

This invention also relates to a method for inhibiting cholinesterase in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal an amount of a compound of the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof 35 effective in inhibiting cholinesterase.

This invention also relates to a method for enhancing memory or treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease in a

mammal comprising administering to a mammal an amount of a compound of the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof effective in enhancing memory or treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease.

This invention also relates to compounds of the formula

wherein W is a leaving group; j is an integer from 0 to 2; R^{10} is a nitrogen protecting group; and R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) alkylcarbonyl and (C_1-C_6) alkoxy, with the proviso that said (C_1-C_6) alkoxy is not attached to a carbon that is adjacent to a carbon that is adjacent to a nitrogen. These compounds are useful as intermediates in the synthesis of compounds of the formula I.

This invention also relates to compounds of the formula

wherein R¹, R², R⁷, R⁸, X, Y and M are as defined above and R¹¹ is hydrogen or a nitrogen protecting group. These compounds are useful as intermediates in the synthesis of compounds of the formula I.

This invention also relates to compounds of the formula:

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{8}

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^7 , R^8 and L are as defined above and Y' is $-CH=CH-(CH_2)_n-or-(CH_2)_m-$. These compounds are useful as intermediates in the sythesis of compounds of the formula I.

The term "mammal", as used herein, includes humans.

The term "halo", as used herein, includes chloro, bromo, iodo or fluoro.

The term "alkyl", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes saturated monovalent hydrocarbon radicals having straight, branched, or cyclic moieties or combinations thereof.

The term " (C_1-C_4) alkylcarbonyl", as used herein, refers to a substituent of the formula

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wherein R^{15} is (C_1-C_4) alkyl.

The term " (C_1-C_4) alkoxycarbonyl", as used herein, 30 refers to a substituent of the formula V above, wherein R^{15} is (C_1-C_4) alkoxy.

The term " (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl", as used herein, refers to a substituent of the formula V above, wherein R^{15} is (C_1-C_6) alkoxy.

The term " (C_1-C_6) alkylcarbonyl", as used herein, refers to a substituent of the formula V above, wherein R^{15} is (C_1-C_6) alkyl.

Preferred compounds of this invention are compounds of the formula I wherein X is oxygen or sulfur, Y is -CH₂-, -CH₂-CH₂-, M is -CH- and L is benzyl, R¹ and R² are (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, NR⁵R⁶, or NR⁵COR⁶, R³ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl, J is oxygen or sulfur and Q is CH(CH₃), CH(CH₃)₂, -CH=CH or (CH₂)₁ and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds.

3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisoxazole;

5-Methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

5,6-Dimethyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

5-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-

15 1,2-benzisoxazole;

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6-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

7-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]1,2-benzisoxazole;

6-Acetamido-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

6-Amino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

6-Benzamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-25 ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

6-Benzenesulfonamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

6-(4-Morpholinyl)-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;

1-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]isoquinoline;

3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,235 benzisothiazole;

4-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidnyl]ethyl]-1,3quinazoline;

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6-Hydroxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-
    1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Bromo-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,2-
    benzisoxazole;
        6-Cyano-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,2-
    benzisoxazole;
        6-Carboxamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]-
    ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        3-[(1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidyl)methoxy]-1,2-
    benzisoxazole;
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        3-[(1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidyl)methylamino]-1,2-
    benzisoxazole;
        3-[2-(1-Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl)ethylamino]-1,2-
    benzisoxazole;
        3-[3-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]propyl]-1,2-
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   benzisoxazole;
        trans-3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethenyl]-1,2-
   benzisoxazole;
        3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperazinyl]ethyl]-1,2-
   benzisoxazole;
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        5,7-Dihydro-7-methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-
   piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
        5,7-Dihydro-7-ethyl-3-[2[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-
   piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
        5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(2-chloro-5-thiophenemethyl)-4-
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   piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
        5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(2-methyl-4-thiazolemethyl)-4-
   piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
        3-[2-[1-(3-Bromophenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-5,7-
   dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
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        3-[2-[1-(4-Bromophenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,7-
   dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
        5,7-Dihydro-3-[3-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-
   propyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
        3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,6,8-
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   trihydro-7H-isoxazolo[4,5-g]quinolin-7-one;
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- 6,8-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-7H-pyrrolo[5,4-g]-1,2-benzisoxazol-7-one;
 5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[5,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
- 5 3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1Hindazole;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds.

Examples of other compounds of the formula I are:

- 6-Phenylamino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
 - 6-(2-Thiazolyl)-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
- 6-(2-0xazolyl)-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]15 ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
 - 6-Pyrrolidinyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
 - 6-Piperidinyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
- 5,7-Dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-7-n-propyl-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-7-i-propyl-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 3[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-6phenylmethylsulfone-1,2-benzisoxazole;
- 30 1-Methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]1H-indazole; and
 - 3-[1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidinyl)methyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole.

The compounds of formula I may have optical centers and 35 may therefore occur in different isomeric forms. The invention includes all stereoisomers of such compounds of formula I, including mixtures thereof.

Detailed Description of the Invention

The preparation of compounds having the formula I and certain of the starting materials used in their synthesis is illustrated in the following reaction schemes. Except where otherwise stated, in the reaction schemes and discussion that follow, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R¹³, R¹⁴, E, G, X, Y, M, L, a, b, l, m, n, p, and structures I, A, B, and K are defined as above.

All articles, books, patents and patent applications 10 cited in the following discussion are incorporated herein by reference.

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SCHEME 1

L is other than phenyl or cinnamyl

SCHEME 2

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{9}
 R^{9}
 R^{9}
 R^{8}
 R^{8}

$$R^{1}$$
 $CH = CH - (CH_{2})_{n}$
 R^{7}
 R^{8}
 R^{2}

I-C

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SCHEME 4

$$R^{1}$$

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$$(C_1-C_4)alkyl N$$

$$(C_1$$

The preparation of compounds of the formula I wherein Y is $-(CH_2)_m$ and M is -CH- is illustrated in scheme 1. These compounds are designated in scheme 1 and hereinafter referred to as compounds of the formula I-A (those wherein L is phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl, pyridylmethyl or a group of the 10 formula K) and compounds of the formula I-B (those wherein L is phenyl or cinnamyl).

Referring to scheme 1, compounds of the formula I-A may be prepared by deprotonating a compound of the formula II with a base in the presence of, or followed by the addition 15 of an alkylating agent of the formula III wherein R10 is a nitrogen protecting group and W is a leaving group. When R10 is a nitrogen protecting group, this reaction produces an intermediate of the formula IV. This intermediate is then deprotected to yield a secondary piperidine of the formula 20 VI as a free base or a salt of the free base, after which such free base or salt is alkylated with a compound of the formula WL, wherein W is defined as above and L is phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl, pyridylmethyl or a group of the formula K.

Examples of suitable leaving groups (W) are mesylate, tosylate, chloride, iodide and bromide. Examples of suitable nitrogen protecting groups (R10) are amides such as N-acetyl and carbamates such N-formyl and as t-butoxycarbamate (BOC). The preferred nitrogen protecting group is BOC. Appropriate bases for use in the preparation 30 of compounds of the formula IV include strong bases such as lithium diisopropylamide (LDA), n-butyllithium, lithium sodium or potassium) butyllithium, and (or hexamethyldisilazide (LiHMDS, NaHMDS, or KHMDS). LDA and sbutyllithium are preferred.

The reaction of a compound of formula II with a 35 compound of formula III is generally carried out in a polar, aprotic solvent such as diethyl ether, 1,2-dimethoxyethane, or tetrahydrofuran (THF). Temperatures may range from about -78°C to about 30°C. This reaction is preferably conducted in THF at about -78°C.

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Usually, compounds of the formula II are deprotonated in the presence of a compound of formula III. cases where the compound of formula II has more than one it is preferable to carry out acidic proton, deprotonation step first followed by the immediate and rapid addition of the alkylating agent of formula III.

The protecting group (R10) can be removed from compounds of the formula IV to form the corresponding compounds of formula VI by methods known to those skilled in the art. 10 For example, when R^{10} is BOC or another carbamate, it can be removed with an acid such as hydrogen bromide (gas or chloride (gas or aqueous) hydrogen aqueous), In the case of trifluoroacetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid. a t-butyl cation scavenger such as thioanisole may be added. When an acid is used as the deprotecting agent, an acid addition salt of the compound of formula VI is produced rather than the free base of such compound. Appropriate solvents include non-polar solvents such as methylene as well as polar solvents such as diethyl ether, chloride, 20 ethyl acetate, dioxane, alcohols (e.g. methanol or ethanol) and water. Temperatures may range from about -20°C to about the reflux temperature of the solvent. It is preferable to use trifluoroacetic acid in methylene chloride with or without thioanisole at about 0°C.

Alternatively, when R^{10} is BOC, it can be removed with a trialkylsilyltrifluoromethanesulfonate derivative such as trimethylsilyl-, triethylsilyl-, or t-butyldimethylsilyltrifluoromethanesulfonate in the presence of an aromatic or tertiary amine base such as 2,6-lutidine or triethylamine. Appropriate solvents for this reaction include nonpolar solvents such as methylene chloride and polar aprotic solvents such as THF, diethyl ether or DMF. Temperatures may range from about -20°C to room temperature. preferable to use trimethylsilyltrifluoromethane-sulfonate and 2,6-lutidine in methylene chloride at a temperature from about 0°C to about room temperature.

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The intermediate secondary piperidine of the formula VI, obtained as the free base or salt as described above, is reacted with 2-10 equivalents of a base and then with an alkylating agent of the formula WL, wherein W is defined as 5 above and L is phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl, pyridylmethyl or a group Suitable bases include tertiary amines of the formula K. such as triethylamine and diisopropylethyl-amine, aromatic amines such as pyridine and dimethylaminopyridine, and metal carbonates such as sodium bicarbonate or sodium or potassium 10 or cesium carbonate. When W is chloride, catalytic iodide (potassium iodide or tetra-n-butylammonium iodide) may be added. Appropriate solvents include non-polar solvents such methylene chloride polar solvents and dimethylformamide, THF, acetontrile, acetone, dioxane, and 15 alcohols such as methanol or ethanol. It is preferable to carry out the alkylation in the presence of triethylamine in methylene chloride at room temperature or in the presence of sodium carbonate in dimethylformamide at room temperature.

Alternatively, the intermediate secondary piperidine of 20 formula VI, when obtained as a salt after removal of the protecting group, can be deprotonated to the free amine by dissolving or suspending it in an appropriate solvent (e.g., methylene chloride or ethyl acetate), mixing it with aqueous sodium bicarbonate or aqueous sodium or potassium hydroxide 25 and recovering the free amine from the organic layer by conventional extraction techniques. The free amine can then be subjected to alkylation with the appropriate alkylating agent of the formula WL under the conditions described above using 1-2 equivalents of an appropriate base.

The starting materials of formula II can be prepared according to methods known in the art. When X is oxygen, the starting 3-methyl-1,2-benzisoxazoles can be prepared by procedures similar to those described by Wunsch et al., Adv. 1967, 8, 277; Smalley, R.K., Heterocycl. Chem., 35 Heterocycl. Chem. 1981, 29, 2; and Thakar et al., Indian J. Chem. The appropriate o-hydroxy 1977, 15B, 1058. acetophenones are converted to the corresponding oximes by

reaction with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in the presence of an appropriate base such as potassium or sodium hydroxide, sodium acetate or pyridine, preferably aqueous potassium hydroxide or aqueous sodium acetate, in a polar solvent such as methanol, ethanol, or water, preferably ethanol, at a temperature from about room temperature to about 120°C. The oxime is then converted to the corresponding oxime acetate by acetylation with an appropriate acylating agent such as acetic anhydride. Temperatures for this reaction may range from about room temperature to the reflux temperature of the solvent. Temperatures between 80°C and 130°C are preferred.

Ring closure to form the benzisoxazole ring may be carried out by heating the neat oxime acetate at a temperature from about 125°C to about 200°C under atmospheric pressure or reduced pressure (e.g., from about 0.01 mm Hg to about 760 mm Hg). Ring closure is preferably accomplished by heating the oxime acetate at reflux in an appropriate base such as pyridine, or by heating the oxime acetate at a temperature of about 130°C in a polar solvent such as DMF or DMSO (dimethylsulfoxide) in the presence of several equivalents of an appropriate base such as pyridine or 2,6-lutidine.

Alternatively, ring closure can be carried out directly from the oxime by reaction with an acyl or sulfonyl chloride such as oxalyl or thionyl chloride in the presence of an aromatic amine such as pyridine (See Kalkote et al., Aust. J. Chem. 1977, 30, 1847). Suitable solvents include polar solvents such as diethyl ether or THF. Temperatures can range from about 0°C to about room temperature. Another method of closure involves treatment of the oxime with one or less equivalents of a base such as potassium hydroxide in a polar solvent such as methanol at temperatures ranging from about room temperature to about 100°C (Crabbe et al., J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. I, 1973, 2220).

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described above for the benzisoxazoles (See McKinnon et al., Can. J. Chem., 1988, 66, 1405 and references cited therein). The o-methylthio acetophenones are converted into the corresponding oximes and ring closure is carried out directly by reaction with an appropriate acylating agent such as acetic anhydride in a base such as pyridine. The reaction temperature may range from about room temperature to about 130°C, and is preferably about 120°C.

When X is NR4 wherein R4 is hydrogen the starting 3-10 methyl-1H-indazoles can be prepared according to methods Behr et al., "Pyrazoles, Pyrazolines, described by Pyrazolidines, Indazoles, and Condensed Rings, "Heterocyclic Compounds, R.H. Wiley, Ed., 1967, 289; Bartsch et al., J. Heterocycl. Chem., 1984, 21, 1063; Hannig et al., Pharmazie 15 1976, 31, 534; Barton et al., J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Comm., 1982, 450; Ruechardt et al., Liebigs Ann. Chem., 1980, 908; and Rees et al., J. Chem. Soc. D, 1971, 827. N-Alkylation of 3-methyl-1H-indazoles (X is NR^4 wherein R^4 is (C_1-C_4) alkyl) can be carried out as described by Behr et al., "Pyrazoles, 20 Pyrazolines, Pyrazolidines, Indazoles, and Condensed Rings," Heterocyclic Compounds, R. H. Wiley, Ed., 1967, 309; Palmer et al., J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. II, 1975, 1695; and Claramunt et al., Heterocycles 1985, 23, 2895.

When X is -CH=CH-, the starting 1-methylisoquinolines 25 can be prepared according to the Bischler-Napieralksi or Pictet-Spengler methods (See Organic Reactions, Vol. VI, chapters 2 and 3, pp. 74-190, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1951).

When X is -N=CH-, the starting 4-methylquinazolines can

be prepared according to methods described by Byford et al.,

Indian J. Chem., 1988, 27B, 396; Higashino, T., Chem. Pharm.

Bull., 1962, 10, 1043; and Uff et al., J. Chem. Soc., Perkin

Trans. I, 1986, 2295.

When X is -CH=N- the starting 1-methylphthalazines can

be prepared according to methods described by Kant et al.,

J. Heterocycl. Chem., 1985, 22, 1065 and references cited

therein; Acheson et al., J.Chem. Soc. C, 1966, 2218; and Gabriel et al., Chem. Ber. 1897, 30, 3022.

When X is -N=N-, the starting 4-methyl-1,2,3-benzotriazines can be prepared according to methods described by Adger et al., J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I, 1975, 31; Boulton et al., Ibid., 1988, 1509; and Rees et al., J. Chem. Soc. D, 1971, 828.

When one or both of R^1 and R^2 are NH_2 , the starting material of formula II may be prepared from corresponding NHAc precursor (Ac=acetyl) by acid hydrolysis. 10 The acid hydrolysis can be carried out with aqueous hydrochoric acid at temperatures ranging from about 50°C to about 120°C. Heating to reflux (about 120°C) in 1N HCl is preferred. The corresponding NHBz (Bz=benzoyl) or NHSO₂C₆H₅ compounds can be prepared from the corresponding amino derivative by reaction with the appropriate benzoyl or benzenesulfonyl chloride in the presence of a base such as triethylamine, pyridine, or dimethylaminopyridine. Suitable solvents include methylene chloride, THF, diethylether, or 20 dimethylformamide. Temperatures may range from about -20° to about 80°C. When one or both of R1 and R2 is NHBz, it is preferable to use triethylamine/dimethylaminopyridine in methylene chloride at room temperature. When one or both of R^1 and R^2 is NHSO₂Ph, it is preferable to use pyridine in methylene chloride at 0°C.

Cyclic dialkylamino compounds of the formula II (i.e., those wherein one or both of R^1 and R^2 are NR^5R^6 wherein NR^5R^6 together form a ring) can also be prepared from the corresponding amino derivative by alkylation with the appropriate bis-halide reagent of the formula

$$_{\mathsf{B}}$$

wherein each A is independently bromide or chloride and B is oxygen or $(CH_2)_q$ wherein q is 0 to 2, in the presence of an appropriate base such as triethylamine or disopropylethylamine (Hunig's base), in an appropriate

nonpolar solvent such as toluene or xylene. The alkylation is typically carried out at a temperature from about room temperature to about 150°C. It is preferably conducted in the presence of Hunig's base in toluene at about 120°C (reflux). (See Verboom et al., J. Org. Chem. 1984, 49, 269).

Alternatively, these cyclic dialkylamino derivatives may be prepared by nucleophillic displacement of an aromatic fluoride with the appropriate cyclic amine. 10 solvents for this reaction include polar aprotic solvents such as dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO), dimethylformamide (DMF), and hexamethylphosphoramide. acetonitrile, pyridine Acetonitrile and pyridine are preferred. The reaction may be run in the presence of a base such as a tertiary or 15 aromatic amines (e.g., triethylamine, diisopropylethylamine, pyridine or dimethylaminopyridine), preferably pyridine or The reaction temperature may range from triethvlamine. about room temperature to about 160°C, and is preferably from about 80°C to about 160°C.

When R^1 and R^2 , together with the carbons to which they are attached, form a group of the formula

$$R^3$$
 Or CH_2 a B

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and X is oxygen or sulfur, the starting material of formula II may be prepared by the following procedure which is illustrated only for cases wherein $R^{\rm I}$ and $R^{\rm 2}$ form a group of formula A.

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First, a compound of the formula VIII wherein X' is hydroxy, thiol or methyl sulfide is prepared by Friedel-Crafts acylation of the corresponding compound of the formula VII, wherein X'' is methoxy or methyl sulfide with an acylating 15 agent such as acetyl chloride or acetic anhydride, preferably acetyl chloride, in the presence of a Lewis acid such as aluminum chloride, titanium tetrachloride or boron aluminum chloride. triflouride etherate, preferably solvents include carbon disulfide, Appropriate dichloroethane and nitrobenzene. Carbon disulfide and 1,2-20 Generally, this reaction is dichloroethane are preferred. conducted at a temperature from about room temperature to about 200°C, preferably from about 50°C to about 100°C.

Alternatively, a compound of formula VIII wherein X' is hydroxy, may also be obtained by Fries rearrangement of the corresponding compound of the formula VII wherein X'' is acetyloxy. A mixture of VII and a Lewis acid such as aluminum chloride, boron trifluoride etherate or titanium tetrachloride is heated at temperatures from about 80°C to 200°C either neat or in the presence of a solvent such as nitrobenzene, or 1,2-dichloroethane. The Fries rearrangment is preferably conducted neat with aluminum chloride at 170-190°C.

The compounds of formula VIII obtained by the foregoing process may be converted to the corresponding starting materials of formula II by the procedure described above for 1,2-benzisoxazoles and 1,2-benzisothiazoles.

Referring to scheme 1, compounds of the formula III may be prepared from the corresponding compounds wherein W is hydroxy by methods known in the art. For example, compounds of the formula III wherein W is iodide can be prepared by reacting the hydroxy counterpart with iodine and triphenylphosphine in the presence of a base such as pyridine or imidazole in a non-polar solvent such as benzene or toluene at a temperature from about room temperature to about 130°C. Preferably, the reaction is carried out in benzene in the presence of pyridine at about 90°C (reflux).

Compounds of the formula I-B may be prepared by deprotonating a compound of the formula II with a base in the presence of, or followed by the addition of, an alkylating agent of the formula III wherein R¹⁰ is phenyl or cinnamyl and W is defined as above. Suitable and preferred bases, solvents and conditions are similar to those described above for the preparation of compounds of the formula IV.

Scheme 2 illustrates the preparation of compounds of the formula I wherein Y is -CH=CH(CH₂)₀- via an aldol-type condensation. These compounds are designated in scheme 2 and hereinafter referred to as compounds of the formula I-C. Referring to scheme 2, a compound of the formula IX wherein R⁹ is hydrogen is deprotonated with a base followed by immediate and rapid addition of an aldehyde of the formula X. Suitable bases and solvents are the same as those described above for the first reaction in scheme 1. The reaction temperature may range from about -78°C to about room temperature. The reaction is preferably carried out using lithium diisopropylamide in THF at about -78°C and allowed to warm to room temperature.

If an intermediate alcohol is formed, it can be dehydrated to the olefin under standard acidic conditions, using an acid such as dilute hydrochloric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid or pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate, preferably p-toluenesulfonic acid, in a solvent such as benzene, toluene, THF or methylene chloride, at a

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temperature from about 0°C to about 130°C. Preferably, the dehydration is carried out in benzene at about 80°C (reflux) with azeotropic removal of water. Dehydration may also be accomplished by treatment with Burgess' reagent

(Et3NSO2NCO2Me) in methylene chloride or benzene at a temperature from about room temperature to about 80°C.

alcohol Alternatively, the intermediate converted into a good leaving group such as mesylate or tosylate and then eliminated with an appropriate base. The mesylate or tosylate can be prepared under standard conditions by reacting the alcohol with methanesulfonyl chloride or p-toluenesulfonyl chloride in the presence of a triethylamine, diisopropylethylamine, or such as pyridine. Appropriate solvents include methylene chloride methylene chloride being THF, with Temperatures may range from about 0°C to about 60°C, and are preferably from about 0°C to about room temperature. Elimination to form the olefin can then be carried out with 20 a base such as diazabicycloundecane or diazabicyclononane in a suitable solvent such as benzene, methylene chloride, or THF, with benzene or methylene chloride being preferred, at a temperature from about 0°C to about 100°C, preferably from about room temperature to about 100°C.

Compounds of the formula I-C may also be prepared by a Wittig reaction from compounds of the formula IX wherein R9 is bromine, chlorine or iodine. According to this procedure, a compound of formula IX is converted into its phosphonium salt by treatment with triphenylphosphine in a nonpolar solvent such as benzene, toluene or xylene, preferably toluene, at a temperature from about room temperature to about 150°, preferably from about 80°C to about 120°C. The phosphonium salt may then be deprotonated with a strong base such as sodium hydride, potassium tbutoxide, potassium hydride or n-butyllithium in a suitable solvent such as diethylether or THF, at a temperature from The deprotonation is preferably about 0°C to about 80°C.

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carried out with sodium hydride in THF at about room temperature.

Scheme 2' illustrates an alternative preparation of compounds of the formula I wherein X is oxygen or NR⁴, Y is (CH₂)_m or -CH=CH(CH₂)_n and M is carbon (i.e. -CH-). These compounds are designated in Scheme 2', and hereinafter referred to as compounds of the formula I-F (those where Y is -CH=CH(CH₂)_n and n' is an integer from 0 to 3) and I-G (those where Y is (CH₂)_m and n' is an integer from 0 to 1).

Referring to Scheme 2', compounds of the formula I-F may be prepared by deprotonating a compound of the formula XV with a suitable base followed by addition of an aldehyde of formula XVI to give an intermediate of formula XVII. This intermediate is then transformed to compounds of the formula I-F by reaction with an appropriate amine.

Appropriate bases for use in the preparation of XVII include lithium of the formula compounds sodium or potassium diisopropylamide, lithium or hexamethyldisilazide, or n-butyllithium, preferably lithium 20 diisopropylamide or lithium hexamethydisilazide. reaction of a compound of formula XV with a compound of formula XVI is generally carried out in a polar aprotic solvent such as diethyl ether, 1,2-dimethoxyethane, or tetrahydrofuran. Temperatures may range from -78°C to 80°C. 25 This reaction is preferably conducted in THF at -78°C and allowed to warm to room temperature.

A compound of formula I-F is then obtained from an intermediate of formula XVII by reaction with an amine such as hydrazine or hydroxylamine in the presence of a base such 30 as sodium or potassium hydroxide, sodium or potassium carbonate, or sodium or potassium alkoxide (methoxide or ethoxide), preferably sodium or potassium hydroxide. In some cases (when amine is hydrazine), addition of a base may not be necessary. Suitable solvents for this reaction include methanol, ethanol, i-propanol, water, or, when amine is hydrazine, hydrazine itself may be used as a solvent. Temperatures may range from 50°C to 120°C. It is preferable

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to react XVII with hydrazine at 120°C (reflux), or with hydroxylamine and potassium hydroxide in EtOH/water at 100°C hydroxylamine, reaction with Upon (reflux). intermediate oxime obtained may be isolated and then cylclized to compounds of the formula I-F following the suitable and preferred conditions described above for the materials 3-methyl-1,2starting preparation of benzioxazoles.

compounds of the formula I-G may be prepared by reducing an intermediate of formula XVII to give a compound of formula XVIII. The intermediate of formula XVII may then be reacted with an amine to give compounds of the formula I-G. An intermediate of formula XVII is reduced with hydrogen gas to an intermediate of formula XVIII in the presence of a catalyst such as palladium on carbon, platinum oxide, or rhodium on carbon, preferably platinum oxide in a polar solvents such as ethyl acetate, tetrahydrofuran, ethanol, or acetic acid, preferably EtOH. Pressure may range from atmospheric to 50 psi, preferably 40-50 psi and temperature may range from room temperature to 80°C, preferably room temperature.

A compound of formula I-G is then obtained from an intermediate of formula XVIII following the suitable and preferred conditions described above for the preparation a compound of formula I-F from an intermediate of formula XVII.

Scheme 3 illustrates the preparation of compounds of the formula I wherein Y is $-0\,(\text{CH}_2)_m$ or $-\text{NR}^4\,(\text{CH}_2)_m$. These compounds are designated in scheme 3 and hereinafter referred to as compounds of the formula I-D. Referring to scheme 3, compounds of the formula I-D may be prepared by reacting a compound of the formula XI wherein R^{12} is chloro or bromo, with a nucleophile of the formula XII, wherein Z is $-\text{NHR}^4$ or -OH. When Y is $\text{NR}^4\,(\text{CH}_2)_m$ (i.e., Z is $-\text{NHR}^4$), the amine of formula XII is generally reacted with the appropriate compound of formula XI either neat or in a polar solvent such as dimethylformamide (DMF), dimethylsulfoxide

(DMSO), THF or pyridine. DMSO and DMF are preferred solvents. An acid acceptor such as diazabicycloundecane, pyridine, lutidine, triethylamine or metal carbonates such as potassium or sodium or cesium carbonate may be added. 5 Metal carbonates such as potassium carbonate are preferred. reaction temperature may range from about temperature to about 160°C and is preferably from about 100°C to about 160°C.

When Y is $O(CH_2)_m$ (i.e., Z is -OH), the alkoxide anion is formed and this species is reacted with the compound of formula XI. According to this procedure, the alcohol (XII) is deprotonated with a suitable base, after which the appropriate compound of formula XI is added and the mixture Examples of suitable bases are sodium, sodium and potassium hydride with sodium hydride being 15 hydride Suitable solvents include THF, DMF and DMSO, preferred. with THF and DMF being preferred. This reaction is generally conducted at a temperature from about 40°C to about 160°C. Temperatures between about 60°C and about 160°C are preferred.

Alternatively, compounds of the formula I-D may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula XI with a nucleophile of the formula XIX wherein Z and R10 are defined as above. This reaction produces an intermediate of formula 25 XX which is then deprotected to yield a secondary piperidine of formula XXI as a free base or a salt of the free base, after which such free base or salt is alkylated with a compound of the formula WL, wherein W is defined as above and L is phenyl(C_1 - C_6) alkyl, pyridylmethyl, or a group of the formula K.

Suitable and preferred bases, solvents, and conditions for the reaction of a compound of formula XI with a nucleophile of the formula XIX are similar to those described for the reaction of a compound of the formula XI 35 with a nucleophile of the formula XII for the preparation of compounds of the formula I-D. Suitable and preferred bases, solvents, and conditions for the transformations of

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compounds of the formulas XX and XXI to prepare compounds of the formula I-D are similar to those described in scheme 1 for compounds of the formulas IV and VI to prepare compounds of the formula I-A.

Scheme 4 illustrates the preparation of compounds of the formula I wherein Y is $-(CH_2)_m$ - and M is nitrogen. These compounds are designated in scheme 4 and hereinafter referred to as compounds of the formula I-E. Referring to scheme 4, a compound of the formula XIII wherein R^{12} is 10 chloro, bromo or iodo is reacted with a compound of the formula XIV. This reaction may be carried out in the presence of an acid acceptor such as pyridine, 2,6-lutidine or a metal carbonate (e.g., sodium bicarbonate or sodium or When R12 is chloro or bromo, a potassium carbonate). catalytic amount of a displacement promoter may be added. 15 Examples of suitable displacement promoters are sodium iodide, potassium iodide or tetra-n-butylammonium iodide. Generally, this reaction is conducted in a nonpolar solvent such as toluene or xylene, or in a polar solvent such as THF, DMF or DMSO, preferably xylene or DMF, at a temperature from about room temperature to about 160°C, preferably from about 90°C to about 160°C.

Scheme 5 illustrates the preparation of compounds of the formula I wherein X is -N=CH- and M is carbon (i.e. These compounds are designated in scheme 5 and -CH). hereinafter referred to as compounds of the formula I-H. Referring to scheme 5, a compound of the formula II' may be deprotonated with one equivalent of a base followed by addition of a silylating agent (trimethylsilyl chloride). Sequential deprotonation with a second equivalent of the same base followed by addition of an alkylating agent of the formula III and appropriate work-up produces an intermediate of the formula IV'. This intermediate is then deprotected as described in scheme I to yield a secondary piperidine of 35 formula VI' as a free base or a salt of the free base, after which such free base or salt is alkylated with a compound of the formula WL, wherein W is defined as above and L is

phenyl(C_1 - C_6)alkyl, pyridylmethyl, or a group of the formula K.

and temperatures Suitable bases, solvents, deprotonation of a compound of the formula II' are the same 5 as those described above for the first reaction in scheme I, preferably LDA in THF at 0° to room temperature. addition of the first equivalent of base, a silylating agent such as trimethylsilyl or triethylsilyl chloride is added, preferably trimethylsilyl chloride. A second equivalent of 10 the same base is then added followed by an alkylating agent The trimethylsilyl group is then of the formula III. removed under acidic conditions by stirring the crude reaction mixture with dilute hydrochloric acid for 30-60 min at room temperature. Then, the crude reaction mixture is 15 made basic with aqueous sodium carbonate, or aqueous sodium or potasium hydroxide, preferably aqueous sodium hydroxide, and the intermediate of formula IV'is extracted with an organic solvent by conventional extraction techniques. Suitable and preferred conditions for the transformation of 20 intermediates of the formula IV' to compounds of the formula I-H are the same described in scheme I for the preparation of compounds of the formula I-A.

Scheme 6 illustrates the preparation of compounds of the formula I wherein Y is $(CH_2)_m$. M is carbon (i.e. -CH-), 25 J is sulfur and Q is $CHCH_3$, $C(CH_3)_2$, -CH=CH, or $(CH_2)_1$. These compounds are designated in scheme 6 and hereinafter referred to as compounds of the formula I-I. Referring to scheme 6, a compound of the formula I-I may be prepared from the corresponding compound of the formula IV" where J is oxygen by reacting with a phosphorus sulfide to give an intermediate of the formula XXII. This intermediate is then deprotected as described in scheme I to yield a secondary piperidine of formula VI" as a free base or a salt of the free base, after which such free base or salt is alkylated with a compound of the formula WL, wherein W is defined as above and L is phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, pyridylmethy, or a group of the formula K.

The transformation of a compound of formula IV" to an intermediate of formula XXII is carried out with a phosphorous sulfide such as phosphorous pentasulfide (P_2S_{10}) or Lawesson's reagent [2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dithia-2,4-diphosphetane-2,4-disulfide] in an non-polar solvent such as benzene, toluene, or xylene. Temperatures may range from 50°C to 160°C. Lawesson's reagent in toluene at 80°C is preferred. Suitable and preferred conditions for the transformation of intermediates of the formula XXII to compounds of the formula I-I are the same ones described in scheme 1 for the preparation of compounds of the formula I-A.

Scheme 7 illustrates the preparation of compounds of the formula I wherein Y is $(CH_2)m$, M is carbon (i.e. -CH-), and R^3 is (C_1-C_6) alkyl. These compounds are designated in scheme 7 and hereinafter referred to as compounds of the Referring to scheme 7, a compound of the formula I-J. formula I-J may be prepared from the corresponding compounds of the formula IV''' where R^3 is hydrogen by deprotonating with a base followed by addition of the appropriate alkylating agent (preferably the appropriate (C1-C6) alkyl chloride, bromide, or iodide) to give an intermediate of This intermediate is then deprotected as formula XXIII. described in scheme 1 to yield a secondary piperidine of formula VI''' as a free base or a salt of the free base, after which such base or salt is alkylated with a compound of the formula WL, wherein W is defined as above and L is phenyl(C_1-C_6) alkyl, pyridylmethyl, or a group of the formula ĸ.

Suitable bases for the transformation of a compound of the formula IV''' to a compound of the formula XXIII include sodium hydride, potassium hydride, lithium diisopropylamide, or n-butyllithium, preferably sodium hydride. The reaction is generally carried out in a polar aprotic solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, dimethylformamide, or 1,2-dimethoxyethane and temperatures may range from -78°C to 80°C. The reaction is preferably conducted in dimethylformamide at room

temperature. Suitable and preferred conditions for the transformation of intermediates of the formula XXIII to compounds of the formula I-J are the same described in scheme 1 for the preparation of compounds of the formula I-5 A.

Alternatively, a compound of the formula I-J may be prepared directly from the corresponding compound of the formula I-A' wherein L is phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl, pyridylmethyl or a group of the formula K and R^3 is hydrogen or I-B' 10 wherein L is phenyl or cinnamyl and R3 is hydrogen. Compounds of the formula I-A' and I-B' are prepared according to the methods described in scheme 1 for the preparation of compounds I-A and I-B. Suitable for the conditions bases, solvents, and preferred 15 transformation of compounds of the formula I-A' and I-B' to compounds of the formula I-J are the same described above for the preparation of compounds of the formula XXIII.

When one or both of R¹ and R² are OH, compounds of the formula I may be prepared from the corresponding -OMe precursor by dealkylation with a Lewis acid such as aluminum trichloride, boron trichloride, boron tribromide, or a protic acid such as aqueous hydrochloric or hydrobromic acid. Suitable solvents for the reaction with Lewis acids include non-polar solvents such as benzene, toluene, dichloromethane, or 1, 2-dichlorethane. Temperatures may range from -78°C to 120°C. Aqueous hydrobromic acid (48%) at 100-120°C (reflux) is preferred.

When one or both of R¹ and R² are NH₂, compounds of the formula I may be prepared from the corresponding NHAc precursor (Ac=acetyl) by acid hydrolysis under the suitable and preferred conditions described above for the formation of starting materials of formula II wherein one or both of R¹ and R² are NH₂. The corresponding nitrile (-CN) compounds can be prepared from the corresponding amino compounds via a diazonium salt formation by reacting the amino compound with nitrous acid (made from aqueous hydrochloric acid and sodium nitrite) followed by neutralization and addition to

Cucn. Suitable solvents include polar protic solvents such as water or biphasic mixtures with non-polar solvents such as benzene, toluene, or xylene. Neutralization may be carried out by adding a base such as sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate, sodium hydroxide, or potassium hydroxide until pH 7. Temperatures may range from -20°C to 60°C. It is preferable to carry out the diazonium salt formation in water at 0°C, to neutralize with sodium carbonate, and to add the diazonium salt to a biphasic mixture of aqueous Cucn and toluene at 0°C, followed by heating to 50°C.

When one or both of R^1 and R^2 are carboxamide (-CONH₂), compounds of the formula I may be prepared from the corresponding nitrile (-CN) precursor by reaction with a base such as sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide or tetramethylammonium hydroxide in a polar solvent such as water, methanol, ethanol, or t-butanol. Temperatures may range from room temperature to 120°C. Potassium hydroxide in t-butanol at 85-100°C is preferred.

Compounds of the formula I other than those of formulae I-A-I-J may be prepared by methods that will be obvious to those skilled in the art from the procedures described above and other known methods.

In each of the above reactions, pressure is not critical. Pressures in the range of about 0.5 atm to 3 atm are suitable, and ambient pressure (generally, about one atmosphere) is preferred as a matter of convenience. Also, for those reactions where the preferred temperature varies with the particular compounds reacted, no preferred temperature is stated. For such reactions, preferred temperatures for particular reactants may be determined by monitoring the reaction using thin layer chromatography.

The compounds of formula I and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts (hereinafter referred to as the "active compounds of the invention") may be administered to a patient by various methods, for example, orally as capsules or tablets, parentally as a sterile solution or suspension,

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and in some cases intravenously in the form of a solution. The free base compounds of the invention may be formulated and administered in the form of their pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts.

The daily dose of the active compounds of the invention is generally in the range of from about 1 to 300 mg/day for the average adult human, and may be administered in single or divided doses.

When incorporated for parenteral administration into a 10 solution or suspension, the active compounds of the invention are present in a concentration of at least 1 weight percent, and preferably between about 4 to 70 weight percent (based on the total weight of the unit). parenteral dosage unit typically contains between about 5 to 15 100 mg of active compound(s).

the invention The active compounds of may be administered orally with an inert diluent or an edible carrier, or they may be enclosed in gelatin capsules or compressed into tablets. Such preparations should contain 20 at least 0.5% of active compound(s), but the concentration may vary depending upon the particular form and may be from 4 to 70 weight percent (based on the total weight of the unit). The oral dosage unit typically contains between 1.0 mg to 300 mg of active compound.

The cholinesterase inhibiting activity of the active compounds of the invention may be determined by a number of standard biological or pharmacological tests. One such procedure for determining cholinesterase inhibition is described by Ellman et al. in "A New and Rapid Colorimetric 30 Determination of Acetylcholinesterase Activity", Biochem. Pharm. 1, 88, (1961).

The present invention is illustrated by the following examples. It will be understood, however, that the invention is not limited to the specific details of these examples. 35 Melting points are uncorrected. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra ('H NMR) and C'3 nuclear magnetic resonance (C13 NMR) measured for solutions spectra were

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deuterochloroform (CDCl₃) except where otherwise noted and peak positions are expressed in parts per million (ppm). The peak shapes are denoted as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br, broad. Frequencies (J) are expressed in Hertz. 1 M solutions of lithium diisopropylamide were freshly prepared by adding n-butyllithium (1.6-2.5 M in hexanes) to a solution of diisoproylamine in tetrahydrofuran at 0°.

Example 1

3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1. 2-benzisoxazole maleate

a) <u>1,4-Piperidinedicarboxylic</u> acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester, 4-ethyl ester.

A solution of ethyl isonipecotate (20.0 g,0.127 mol) and triethylamine (17.8 mL, 0.127 mol) in 1:1 dioxane-H₂O (1.2 L) was cooled to 0°C. After 15 min, t-BOC-anhydride (35.2 g, 0.161 mol) was added and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 times) and the combined organic layer was washed with 1N hydrochloric acid, water and brine, and then dried (magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated to give a light orange oil. A Kugelrhor distillation (0.05 torr, 80-90°C) gave the title carbamate (30.69 g, 94%) as a colorless oil.

 $^{1}H-NMR$ (CDCl₃) δ 4.11 (q, 2H, J=7.2Hz), 3.97-4.05 (m, 2H), 2,80 (br t, 2H, J=11.6Hz), 2.40 (tt, 1H, J=11.0Hz, J=3.9Hz), 1.81-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.23 (t, 3H, J=7.2Hz).

b) 4-Hydroxymethyl-l-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester.

Lithium aluminum hydride (4.3 g,0.114 mol) was added to a cold solution (0°C) of the carbamate formed in step a (26.57 g, 0.103 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (THF) (1L). After 30 min, the ice bath was removed and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. Sodium sulfate decahydrate was added carefully until the evolution of gas subsided. After stirring for 1 hour, the mixture was filtered through a Celite pad and the filtrate was concentrated. Recrystallization (ethyl ether/hexanes) gave the title alcohol (20.67 g, 93%) as a white solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 4.04-4.26 (m, 2H), 3.49 (d, 2H, J=6.4 Hz), 2.70 (brt, 2H, J=12.0Hz), 1.6-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.15 (ddd, 2H, J=23.2Hz, J=12.0Hz, J=4.3Hz).

c) 4-Iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester.

Triphenylphosphine (31.0 g, 0.119 mol) was added to a mixture of iodine (29.0 g,0.114 mol) in benzene (1L). After 5 min, pyridine (18.5 ml, 0.228 mol) followed by the alcohol formed in step b (20.5 g, 0.095 mol) was added. The resulting mixture was heated to reflux for 1.5 hours. The cooled reaction mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was washed with saturated sodium thiosulfate (Na₂S₂O₃) and brine, and dried (magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel chromatography (10% → 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave the title iodide (28.5 g, 92%) as a clear oil. Upon cooling, a white solid was obtained.

M.p.: 58-59°C.

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 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.09 (br d, 2H, J=13.1Hz), 3.08 (d, 2H, J=6.5Hz), 2.66 (br t, 2H, J=13.1Hz), 1.80 (br d, 2H, J=12.9Hz), 1.52-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.11 (ddd, 2H, J=24.7Hz, J=12.7Hz, J=4.3Hz).

d) 4-[2-[1,2-Benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl]-135 piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester.

A mixture of 3-methyl-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.410 g, 3.08 mmol) and the iodide formed in step c (1.05 g, 3.23 mmol) in

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dry THF (3.2 mL) was cooled to -78°C. Freshly prepared 1M lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) (3.1 mL, 3.1 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting yellow-orange solution was stirred for 25 min at -78°C. Saturated ammonium chloride was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine concentrated. and $(MgSO_4)$, filtered, and then dried Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (10% → 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave the title compound (0.430 g, 42%) as a colorless oil.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, 1H, J=8.0Hz), 7.49-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 1H), 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.00 (t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 2.66 (br t, 2H, J=13.0Hz), 1.71-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.14 (ddd, 2H, J=24.5Hz, J-12.1Hz, J=4.1Hz).

e) 3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisoxazole maleate.

Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (7 mL) was added dropwise to a cold (0°C) solution of the piperidine formed in step d (0.50 g, 1.51 mmol) in methylene chloride (7 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 30 min. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and excess TFA was removed by concentrating from toluene twice. product was redissolved in methylene chloride (10 mL) and then triethylamine (0.42 mL, 3.01 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.18 mL, 1.51 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight (15 hours) at room temperature. mixture was washed with water and brine and dried (MgSO₄), Purification by silica gel filtered, and concentrated. 30 flash chromatography (50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave the title compound (free base) (0.350 g, 73%) as a colorless oil.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.108 g, 0.930 mmol) in ethyl ether (20 mL) to 35 a solution of the free base (0.297 g, 0.926 mmol) in ethyl ether (20 mL). The white solid formed was collected and rinsed with ethyl ether. Yield: 0.35 g, 87%.

M.p. 146.4-147.6°C.

EIMS (no parent) 319.1, 303.1, 185.2, 172.1, 91.1

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J=8, 1H), 7.51-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.49 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 1H), 6.30 (s, 2H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.45-3.51 (m, 2H), 2.98 (t, J=7.4, 2H), 2.60-2.70 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.95 (m, 4H), 1.60-1.82 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR δ 169.5, 163.0, 157.7, 135.8, 131.1, 130.1, 130.0, 129.3, 128.5, 123.5, 121.3, 121.1, 110.0, 60.6, 52.1, 32.8, 28.8, 22.1.

IR (KBr) 2944, 2927, 2921, 2499-2518 (broad), 2329-2388 (broad), 1583, 1517, 1473, 1458, 1445, 1438, 1383, 1360, 782 cm⁻¹.

Calc'd for $C_{21}H_{24}N_2O \cdot C_4H_4O_4$: C, 68.79; H, 6.47; N, 6.42. Found: C, 68.80; H, 6.35; N, 6.27.

Example 2

5-Methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole_maleate

a) 4-[2-[5-Methyl-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester

The procedure described in Example 1d was followed using 3,5-dimethyl-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.500 g, 3.40 mmol), 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (1.20 g, 3.74 mmol), and 1M lithium disopropylamide (LDA) (3.74 mL, 3.74 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL). After purification, the title compound (0.910 g, 78%) was obtained as a clear oil.

 $^{1}H-NMR$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.40 (m, 3H), 4.04-4.11 (m, 2H), 2.94 (t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 2.64 (br t, 2H, J=12.3Hz), 2.43 (s,

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3H), 1.70-1.99 (m, 4H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.41-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.13 (ddd, 2H, J=24.4Hz, J=12.0Hz, J=4.1Hz).

b) 5-Methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed using the piperidine formed in step a (0.910 g, 2.64 mmol) and TFA (13 mL) in methylene chloride (CH₂Cl₂) (13 mL), and triethylamine (3.7 mL, 26.4 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.32 mL, 2.69 mmol) in methylene chloride (CH₂Cl₂) (20 mL). After purification, the title compound (free base) (0.56 g, 63%) was obtained as a clear oil.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.20 g, 1.72 mmol) in ethyl ether (Et₂O) (10 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.56 g, 1.67 mmol) in Et₂O (40 mL). The white solid formed was collected and rinsed with Et₂O. Yield: 0.70 g, 93%.

M.p. 149-151°C.

 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.27-7.43 (m, 8H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.51 (br d, J=11.6, 2H), 2.96 (t, J=7.3, 2H), 2.66 (br t, J=10.8, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.60-1.97 (m, 7H).

¹³C NMR δ 169.4, 161.6, 157.3, 135.7, 133.2, 131.6, 131.0, 130.1, 129.3, 128.4, 121.4, 120.2, 60.6, 52.0, 32.8, 32.7, 28.7, 22.0, 21.1.

IR (KBr) 2934, 2848, 2499, 2362, 1701, 1617, 1572, 25 1487, 1454, 1357 cm⁻¹.

EIMS (no parent) 333.1, 317.2, 185.1, 172.1, 91.1 (base).

Calc'd for $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O \cdot C_4H_4O_4$: C, 69.32; H, 6.71; N, 6.22. Found: C, 69.18; H, 6.48; N, 6.08.

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Example 3

5,6-Dimethyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate

4-[2-[5,6-Dimethyl-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl]-1-5 piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester

The procedure described in Example 1d was followed using 3,5,6-trimethyl-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.600 g, mmol), 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1dimethylethyl) ester (1.30 g, 4.10 mmol), and 1M LDA (4.10 10 mL, 4.10 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL). After purification, the title compound (1.04 g, 78%) was obtained as a clear oil.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 4.04-4.10 (m, 2H), 2.93 (t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 2.64 (br t, 2H, J=11.9Hz), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.70-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 15 1.43-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.13 (ddd, 2H, J=24.3Hz, J=12.3Hz, J=4.2Hz).

5,6-Dimethyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4b) piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed 20 using the piperidine formed in step a (1.04 g, 2.90 mmol) and TFA (16 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (16 mL), and triethylamine (4.2 mL, 29.0 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.36 mL, 3.03 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). After purification, the title compound (free base) (0.53 g, 52%) was obtained as a clear oil.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of 25 maleic acid (0.18 g, 1.55 mmol) in Et₂O (10 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.53 g, 1.52 mmol) in Et₂O (25 mL). white solid formed was collected and rinsed with Et,O. Yield: 0.65 g, 92%.

30 M.p. 182-183.5 °C.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.41 (m, 7H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.51 (br d, J=11.8, 2H) 2.95 (t, J=7.2, 2H) 2.65 (br t, J=11.7, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.59-1.96 (m, 7H).

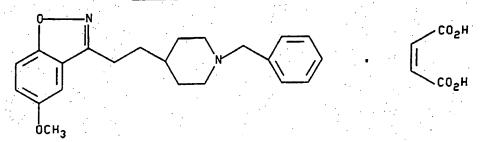
¹³C NMR δ 169.4, 162.3, 157.1, 140.2, 135.7, 132.6, 131.1, 130.1, 129.3, 128.3, 120.3, 119.2, 110.0, 60.6, 52.0, 32.7, 28.7, 22.0, 20.9, 19.9.

EIMS 347.2, 331.1, 185.1, 172.1, 91.1, (base)
IR (KBr) 2949, 2914, 2512, 2420, 1580, 1476, 1456,
10 1449, 1358 cm⁻¹.

Calc'd for $C_{23}H_{28}N_2O \cdot C_4H_4O_4 \cdot 1/4H_2O:C$, 69.14; H, 6.93; N, 5.97. Found: C, 69.27; H, 6.83; N, 5.91.

Example 4

5-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate



a) 4-[2-[5-Methoxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester

The procedure described in Example 1d was followed using 5-methoxy-3-methyl-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.32 g, 1.96 20 mmol), 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester (0.70 g, 2.15 mmol), and 1M LDA (2.0 mL, 2.0 mmol) in dry THF (2 mL). After purification, the title compound (0.62 g, 87%) was obtained as a clear oil.

 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, 1H, J=9.1Hz), 7.17 (dd, 1H, 25 J=9.1Hz, J=2.5Hz), 6.96 (d, 1H, J=2.4Hz), 4.09-4.16 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.99 (t, 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 2.69 (br t, 2H, J=12.3Hz), 1.74-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.17 (ddd, 2H, J=22.3 Hz, J=12.2Hz, J=4.2Hz).

b) 5-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed using the piperidine formed in step a (0.58 g, 1.61 mmol) and TFA (7 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL), and triethylamine (0.50 mL, 3.6 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.195 mL, 1.64 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). After purification, the title compound, free base (0.27 g, 48%) was obtained as a clear oil.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.080 g, 0.69 mmol) in Et₂O (10 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.24 g, 0.68 mmol) in Et₂O (20 mL). The white solid formed was collected and rinsed with Et₂O. Yield: 0.29 g, 91%.

M.p. 143.5-145°C

¹³C NMR δ 169.4, 158.4, 157.6, 156.3, 135.8, 131.0, 20 130.0, 129.2, 128.4, 121.5, 120.3, 110.6, 101.1, 60.5, 56.0, 52.0, 32.7, 32.5, 28.7, 22.0.

IR (KBr) 2942, 2927, 2916, 2518, 2366, 1616, 1572, 1544, 1521, 1480, 1454, 1443, 1384, 1357, 1220 cm⁻¹.

EIMS 349.2, 333.2, 318.1, 259.1, 185.1, 172.1, 91.1 25 (base).

Calc'd for $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_2 \circ C_4H_4O_4$: C, 66.94; H, 6.48; N, 6.00. Found: C, 67.21; H, 6.52; N, 5.94.

Example 5

6-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-

30 <u>1,2-benzisoxazole</u>

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a) 4-[2-[6-Methoxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl]-1piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester

The procedure described in Example 1d was followed using 6-methoxy-3-methyl-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.32 g, 1.96 mmol), 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester (0.70 g, 2.15 mmol), and 1M LDA (2.0 mL, 2.0 mmol) in dry THF (3 mL). After purification, the title compound (0.57 g, 80%) was obtained as a white solid.

M.p.: 95-96°C

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, 1H, J=8.7Hz), 6.99 (d, 1H, J=2.1Hz) 6.91 (dd, 1H, J=8.6Hz, J=2.1Hz), 4.08-4.11 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.97 (t, 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 2.68 (br t, 2H, J=12.7Hz), 1.72-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.16 (ddd, 2H, J=24.6 Hz, J=12.3Hz, J=4.3Hz).

b) 6-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed using the piperidine formed in step a (0.49 g, 1.36 mmol) and TFA (7 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL), and triethylamine (0.85 mL, 6.1 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.165 mL, 1.39 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL). After purification, the title compound (0.265 g, 55%) was obtained as a white solid.

M.p. 90.5-91.5°C.

 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, J=8.7, 1H), 7.21-7.33 (m, 5H), 25 6.98 (d, J=1.8, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J₁=8.7, J₂=2.0, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.88-2.98 (m, 4H), 1.96 (br t, J=10.6, 2H), 1.74-1.83 (m, 4H), 1.27-1.34 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR δ 164.8, 162.0, 158.3, 138.4, 129.2, 128.1, 126.9, 121.4, 115.0, 113.8, 92.6, 63.4, 55.7, 53.7, 35.3, 34.3, 32.6, 22.6.

IR (KBr) 2924, 2913, 2797, 2758, 1625, 1608, 1276, 1196, 1154, 734 cm⁻¹.

EIMS 349.2, 333.6, 259.1, 185.1, 172.1, 91.0 (base). Calc'd for $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_2$:C, 75.40; H, 7.48; N, 7.99. Found: 5 C, 75.52; H, 7.63; N, 7.94.

Example 6

7-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate

4-[2-[7-Methoxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl-1a) 5 piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester

The procedure described in Example 1d was followed using 7-methoxy-3-methyl-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.30 g, 1.84 mmol), 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1dimethylethyl) ester (0.60 g, 1.85 mmol), and 1M LDA (1.9 10 mL, 1.9 mmol) in dry THF (2 mL). After purification, the title compound (0.41 g, 62%) was obtained as a pale yellow oil.

 $^{1}H-NMR$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.12-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, 1H, J=6.5Hz, J=2.2Hz), 3.98-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.95 (t, 15 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 2.62 (br t, 2H, J=12.2Hz), 1.67-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.10 (ddd, 2H, J=24.5 Hz, J=12.5Hz, J=4.3Hz).

7-Methoxy-3-[-2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]b) ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed using the piperidine formed in step a (0.40 g, 1.11 mmol) and TFA (6 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL), and triethylamine (0.34 mL, 2.44 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.14 mL, 1.18 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). After purification, the title compound (free base) (0.080 g, 21%) was obtained as a clear oil.

The fumarate salt was prepared by adding a solution of fumaric acid (0.025 g, 0.213 mmol) in ethanol (EtOH) (2 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.071 g, 0.203 mmol) in Et₂O (10 mL). Upon concentration to 4-5 mL, a white/pink solid 30 precipitated. This solid was collected and rinsed with Et,O. Yield: 0.065 g, 69%.

M.p. 138-139°C.

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¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.27-7.41 (m, 7H), 7.19 (d, J=7.7, 1H), 6.59 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 2.90-3.01 (m, 4H), 2.18 (br t, J=10.8, 2H), 1.67-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.26-1.32 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR δ 166.6, 158.8, 152.4, 144.0, 136.5, 134.4, 129.4, 128.3, 127.5, 124.9, 122.9, 113.2, 111.4, 61.5, 56.2, 52.6, 34.3, 33.4, 30.7, 22.0.

HRMS Calc'd (free base) 350.1992. Found: 350.1984. IR (KBr) 1705, 1531, 1266, 756, 642 cm⁻¹.

10 Calc'd for $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$: C, 66.94; H, 6.48; N, 6.00. Found: C, 66.76; H, 6.31; N, 5.61.

Example 7

6-Acetamido-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisoxazole hemifumarate

a) 4-[2-[6-Acetamido-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl]piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

Freshly prepared 1M LDA (11.0 mL, 11.0 mmol) was added dropwise and quickly to a cold (-78°C) solution of 6-N-acetyl-3-methylbenzisoxazole (1.0 g, 5.26 mol) in THF (50 mL). Immediately after addition was complete, a solution of 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester (1.71 g, 5.26 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was added all at once. The resulting yellow-orange solution was stirred for 30 minutes at -78°C. Saturated ammonium chloride (NH₄Cl) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (EtOAc) (3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated.

Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (20% \rightarrow 50% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (1.56 g, 76%) as a white solid.

M.p.: 142-143°C

b) 6-Acetamido-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate

Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (4 mL) was added dropwise to a cold (0°C) solution of the piperidine formed in step a (0.40 g, 1.03 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 30 min. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and excess TFA was removed by concentrating from toluene twice. The crude product was redissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and triethylamine (1.44 mL, 10.3 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.184 mL, 1.55 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 6 hours at room temperature. The mixture was washed with water and brine and dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ → 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (free base) (0.270 g, 69%) as a white solid.

The fumarate salt was prepared by adding a solution of fumaric acid (0.091 g, 0.788 mmol) in ethanol (EtOH) (5 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.270 g, 0.716 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). After concentrating, the solid obtained was recrystallized from EtOH to give white needles. Yield: 0.17 g, 48%.

M.p. 225-226°C.

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 10.37 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, 1H, J=8.5), 7.25-7.36 (m, 6H), 6.59 (s, 2H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 2.83-2.96 (m, 4H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.01 (br t, 2H, J=11.1), 1.69-1.73 (m, 4H), 1.20-1.28 (m, 3H).

Calc'd for $C_{23}H_{27}N_3O_2 \cdot 1/2C_4H_4O_4 \cdot 1/4H_2O$: C, 68.24; H, 6.76; 35 N, 9.55. Found: C, 68.35; H, 6.63; N, 9.35.

Example 8

6-Amino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisoxazole maleate

A mixture of 6-acetamido-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.30 g, 0.79 mmol) in 1N HCl (10 mL) was heated to reflux for 30 min. The cooled reaction mixture was made basic with 10% NaOH and extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated to give the title compound (free base) (0.259 g, 98%) as an oil.

The mono maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.099 g, 0.85 mmol) in EtOH (5 ml) to a solution of the free base (0.26, 0.77 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL).

15 After concentrating, the residue was triturated with Et₂O to give a white powder. Yield: 0.29 g, 64%.

M.p. 173.0-173.5°C.

 1 H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 7.41-7.47 (m, 6H), 6.58-6.63 (m, 2H), 6.06 (s, 2H), 5.87 (br s, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 3.29-3.38 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.95 (m, 4H), 1.90 (br d, J=12.5, 2H) 1.25-1.80 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆) 167.4, 164.8, 157.4, 151.9, 136.0, 131.2, 130.1, 129.5, 128.9, 121.9, 112.8, 110.7, 90.9, 59.3, 51.5, 32.6, 32.6, 28.6, 21.6.

EIMS (no parent) 289, 268, 218, 190 (base).

IR (KBr) 3483, 3384, 2929, 2526, 1633, 1619, 1582, 1515, 1474, 1459, 1438, 1389, 1379, 1359, 877, 702 cm⁻¹.

Calc'd for $C_{21}H_{25}N_2O \cdot C_4H_4O_4:C$, 66.50; H, 6.47; N, 9.31. Found: C, 66.49; H, 6.43; N, 9.22.

Example 9

6-Benzamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl] -1,2-benzisoxazole maleate

6-Benzamide-3-methyl-1,2-benzisoxazole a)

Benzoyl chloride (0.56 mL, 4.82 mmol) was added to a solution of 6-amino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.70 g, 4.72 mmol), triethylamine (1.35 mL, 9.69 mmol), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.07 g, The resulting mixture was 0.57 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL). 10 stirred overnight at room temperature. The heterogenous mixture was concentrated, and the solid obtained was collected and washed with water and ether and air-dried to give the title compound (1.02 g, 86%) as an off-white solid. A small sample was purified by recrystallization from EtOH 15 to give pure white flakes.

> M.p.: 213-214°C.

 $^{1}H-NMR$ (DMSO- d_{6}) δ 10.6 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, 2H, J=6.9Hz), 7.80 (d, 1H, J=8.6Hz), 7.68 (d, 1H, J=8.8Hz), 7.52-7.63 (m, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H).

4-[2-[6-Benzamide-1,2-benzisoxazole-3-yl]ethyl]-1-20 piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

The procedure described in Example 7a was followed using the benzamide formed in step a (1.0 g, 3.96 mmol), 1M 4-iodomethyl-1and 7.95 mmol), (7.95 mL, 25 piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester (1.30 g, 4.00 mmol) in dry THF (50 mL), except that after addition of reagents, the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1.5 hours. by chromatography (30% purification EtOAc/hexanes), the title compound (1.54 g, 87%) was 30 obtained as a pale yellow solid. A small sample was

purified by recrystallization (CH2Cl2/Et2O) to give a white solid.

M.p.: 177-178.5°C

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 7.39-7.53 (m,5H), 4.03 (br d, 2H, J=12.7Hz), 2.92 (t, 2H, J=8.0Hz), 2.50-2.73 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.13 (ddd, 2H, J=24.0 Hz, J=12.2Hz, J=3.8Hz).

c) 6-Benzamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-10 ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate

Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (8.4 mL) was added dropwise to a cold (0°C) solution of the piperidine formed in step b $(0.70 \text{ g}, 1.56 \text{ mmol}) \text{ in } CH_2Cl_2 (10 \text{ mL}).$ The resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 30 min. Volatiles were 15 removed under reduced pressure and excess TFA was removed by concentrating from toluene twice. The crude product was dissolved in THF (10 mL) and triethylamine (2.1 mL, 15.1 mmol) followed by benzyl bromide (0.21 mL, 1.77 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate 20 and stirred overnight at room temperature. The mixture was then washed with water and brine and dried (MgSO4), filtered, Purification by silica gel flash and concentrated. chromatography (30% EtOAc/ $CH_2Cl_2 \rightarrow 100\%$ EtOAc) gave the title compound (free base) (0.280 g, 41%) as a pale yellow solid.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.081 g, 0.702 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.280 g, 0.638 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 After concentrating, the solid obtained was recrystallized from EtOH/CH2Cl2 to give a white solid. 30 Yield: 0.208 g, 59%.

M.p. 181.5-183.0°C.

 ^{1}H NMR (DMSO- d_{6}) δ 10.65 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J=7.2, 2H), 7.85 (d, J=8.6, 1H), 7.48-7.71 (m, 9H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 4.25 (br s, 2H), 3.20-3.60 (m, 4H), 2.89-3.02 (t, 0 2.99, J=7.5 and m, 4H), 1.40-1.97 (m, 7H).

 13 C NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 167.2, 166.2, 163.0, 158.1, 141.5, 135.9, 134.6, 132.0, 131.2, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8,

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121.9, 117.01, 116.8, 99.9, 59.5, 51.7, 32.8, 32.5, 28.8, 21.7.

EIMS 439.2, 422.2 (100), 383, 348, 293, 185.

IR (KBr) 2934, 2919, 1657, 1610, 1579, 1536, 1499, 5 1491, 1462, 1453, 1352 cm⁻¹.

Calc'd for $C_{28}H_{29}N_3O_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$: C, 69.17; H, 5.99; N, 7.56. Found: C, 68.81; H, 5.90; N, 7.49.

Example 10

6-Benzenesulfonamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-

10 piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate

a) 6-Benzenesulfonamide-3-methyl-1,2-benzisoxazole

Benzenesulfonyl chloride (0.528 mL, 4.14 mmol) was added to a cold (0°C) solution of 6-amino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole(0.613 g, 4.14 mmol) and pyridine (0.670 mL, 8.28 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL). After 1.3 hours, saturated sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO₃) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The organic layer was separated and washed with water and brine and dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatograph (5% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (0.867 g, 83%) as a white solid.

M.p.: 183-184°C.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 10.9 (br s, 1H), 7.84 (d, 2H, J=6.7Hz), 25 7.68 (d, 1H, J=8.5Hz), 7.52-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, 1H, J=1.5Hz), 7.11 (dd, 1H, J=8.5Hz, J=1.7Hz), 2.52 (s, 3H).

- b) 4-[2-[6-Benzenesulfonamide-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylicacid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester
- The procedure described in Example 7a was followed using the benzenesulfonamide formed in step a (0.60 g, 2.08

mmol), 1M LDA (4.58 mL, 4.58 mmol), and 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1-dimethylethyl) ester (0.813 g, 2.50 mmol) in dry THF (70 mL), except that after addition of reagents, the mixture was stirred at -78° C for 10-15 min. After purification by chromatography (20% \rightarrow 40% EtOAc/hexanes), the title compound (0.997 g, 99%) was obtained as a white foam.

M.p.: 66-67°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dd, 2H, J=8.3Hz, J=1.6Hz), 7.35-10 7.57 (m,6H), 7.02 (dd, 1H, J=8.5Hz, J=1.6Hz), 4.11 (br d, 2H, J=13.2Hz), 2.94 (t, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 2.68 (br t, 2H, J=12.8Hz), 1.71-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.46-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.15 (ddd, 2H, J=23.6Hz, J=11.7Hz, J=3.9Hz).

c) 6-Benzenesulfonamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-45 piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate

Trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (1.30 mL, 6.76 mmol) was added dropwise to a cold (0°C) solution of the piperidine formed in step b (0.819 g, 1.69 mmol) and 2,6lutidine (0.590 mL, 5.07 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (17 mL). After 1.5 20 hours, saturated sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO3) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 The white precipitate formed was collected by filtration and redissolved in water at pH 2. This acidic aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 times) and EtOAc (1 time). All organic layers were combined, dried (MgSO4), 25 filtered, and concentrated. The crude white solid obtained was suspended in THF (30 mL) and DMF (50 mL), triethylamine (0.40 mL, 2.86 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.22 The resulting heterogenous mL, 1.86 mmol) were added. 30 mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours (with time a more homogenous mixture was obtained). The mixture was concentrated, and CH_2Cl_2 was added to the residue. organic layer was washed with water and brine and dried $(MgSO_4)$, filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica 35 gel flash chromatography ($CH_2Cl_2 \rightarrow 5\%$ MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2) gave the title compound (free base) (0.334 g, 49%) as a white foam.

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The full rate salt was prepared by adding a solution of fumaric acid (0.040 g, 0.345 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.150 g, 0.315 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL). After concentrating, the residue was triturated with 5 Et₂O to give a white solid. Yield: 0.151 g, 81%.

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 7.82 (d, 2H, J=7.0), 7.70 (d, 1H, J=8.6), 7.51-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.07 (dd, 1H, J₁=8.6, J₂=1.6), 6.59 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 2.82-2.90 (m, 4H), 2.03 (br t, 2H, J=11.5), 1.61-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.20-1.25 (m, 3H).

Example 11

6-(4-Morpholinyl)-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole

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a) 3-Methyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2-benzisoxazole

Α mixture of 6-amino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.230 g, 1.55 mmol), B, B'-dibromodiethyl ether (0.397 g, 1.71 mmol), and 25 diisopropylethyl amine (Hunig's base, 0.648 mL, 3.72 mmol) in toluene (2.5 mL) was heated at 120°C for 15 hours. cooled reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and brine and dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Two additional separate reactions using 6-30 amino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisoxazole (0.050 g, 0.34 mmol, and 0.150 g, 1.01 mmol) were carried out in the same manner. Crude product from the three reactions was combined and purified by silica gel flash chromatography (1% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to give the title 35 compound (0.499 g, 79% combined yield) as a pale yellow solid. Α small sample was further purified by recrystallization (EtOAc/hexanes) to give a white solid.

M.p.: 138.5-139.5°C.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, 1H, J=8.7Hz), 6.95 (dd, 1H, J=8.7Hz, J=2.0Hz), 6.90 (d, 1H, J-1.9Hz), 3.88 (t, 4H, J=4.9Hz), 3.27 (t, 4H, J=4.8Hz), 2.52 (s, 3H).

b) 4-[2-[6-(4-Morpholinyl)-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylicacid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester

The procedure described in Example 7a was followed using the morpholino derivative formed in step a (0.369 g, 1.69 mmol), 1M LDA (1.86 mL, 1.86 mmol), and 4-iodomethyl-1-10 piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) (0.605 g, 1.86 mmol) in dry THF (8 mL). Another reaction with the above morpholino derivative (0.100 g, 0.46 mmol) was also carried out. Crude product from both reactions was combined and after purification by chromatography (5% → 40% 15 EtOAc/hexanes), the title compound (0.477 g, 53%) was A small sample was further obtained as a white solid. purified by recrystallization (EtOAc/hexanes) to give a white solid.

20 M.p.: 164-165°C.

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 $^{1}H-NMR$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, 1H, J=8.6Hz), 6.92-6.97 (m, 2H), 4.02-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.89 (t, 4H, J=4.9Hz), 3.27 (t, 4H, J=4.9Hz), 2.95 (t, 2H, J-7.8Hz), 2.7 (br t, 2H, J=12.1Hz), 1.74-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.10-1.22 (m, 2H).

c) 6-(4-Morpholinyl)-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl-1,2-benzisoxazole

Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (5 mL) was added to a cold (0°C) solution of the piperidine formed in step b (0.40 g, 0.96 mmol) and thioanisole (1.13 mL, 9.60 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 min. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and 1N sodium hydroxide (NaOH) was added to the residue. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 times) and the combined organic layer was washed with water and brine and dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The yellow oil obtained was redissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and triethylamine (0.267)

mL, 1.92 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.148 mL, 1.25 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The mixture was washed with water and brine and dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ → 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (0.285 g, 73%) as a white solid. A small sample was further purified by recrystallization (EtOH) to give a white solid.

M.p. 129-130°C.

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¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J=8.7, 1H), 7.23-7.30 (m, 5H), 6.89-6.93 (m, 2H), 3.87 (t, J=4.8, 4H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 3.25 (t, J=4.8, 4H), 2.85-2.94 (m, 4H), 1.92 (br t, J=10.8, 2H), 1.72-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.21-1.31 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR 165, 158, 153.4, 138.8, 129.2, 128.1, 126.9, 15 121.3, 113.3, 94.5, 66.7, 63.5, 53.7, 49.1, 35.3, 34.4, 32.1, 22.7.

IR (KBr) 3020, 2920, 1950, 1895, 1815, 1722, 1620, 1450, 1250, 1122, 738 cm $^{-1}$.

Calc'd for $C_{25}H_{31}N_3O_2$: C, 74.04; H, 7.70; N, 10.36. 20 Found: C, 73.75; H, 7.69; N, 10.36.

Example 12

5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-

pyrrolo [4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one maleate

a) 5-Acetyl-1,3-dihydro-6-hydroxy-2H-indol-2-one

Acetyl chloride (4.09 mL, 0.0575 mol) was added to a slurry of aluminum trichloride (AlCl₃) (35.36 g, 0.265 mol) in carbon disulfide (CS₂) (250 mL). After 2-3 min, 6-

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methoxyoxindole (7.22 g, 0.0442 mol) was added. The resulting mixture was heated to reflux for 2.5 hours. (A black tar developed with time). Excess solvent was decanted and ice water was added carefully to the residue. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight. The pale yellow solid obtained was collected, washed with water and dried under high vacuum to give the title compound (7.32 g, 87%).

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 13.0 (s, 1H), 10.8 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.40 (s, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H).

b) 5-Acetyl-1,3-dihydro-6-hydroxy-2H-indol-2-one, 5-oxime

An aqueous solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (8.26 g, 0.119 mol) and sodium acetate trihydrate (16.9 g, 0.124 mol) was a added to a mixture of the ketone formed in step a (9.88 g, 0.0517 mol) in EtOH (600 mL). The resulting mixture was heated to reflux for 20 hours. The hot reaction mixture was filtered and the solid collected was rinsed with EtOH. After drying, the title compound (10.11 g, 95%) was obtained as a pale yellow solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 12.0 (s, 1H), 11.4 (s, 1H), 10.5 (s, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H).

c) <u>5-Acetyl-1,3-dihydro-6-hydroxy-2H-indol-2-one,5-</u> oxime acetate

A heterogenous mixture of the oxime formed in step b (7.15 g, 34.7 mmol) in acetic anhydride (55 mL) was heated at 80°C for 2 hours. The cooled reaction mixture was filtered and the solid collected was rinsed with water. After drying, the title compound (4.67 g, 54%) was obtained as a pale yellow solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 11.3 (s, 1H), 10.6 (s, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.41 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H).

d) <u>5.7-Dihydro-3-methyl-6H-pyrrolo[4.5-f]-1.2-</u> benzisoxazol-6-one

A mixture of the oxime acetate formed in step c (4.48 g, 18.0 mmol) and pyridine (14.6 mL, 180 mmol) in dimethylformamide (DMF) (660 mL) was heated at 125-130°C for 4 hours. The cooled reaction mixture was poured over water

and extracted with EtOAc (4 times). The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine and dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (50% EtOAc/hexanes → 100% EtOAc) gave the title compound (2.20 g, 65%) as a pale yellow-orange solid.

M.p. (EtOAc): 264-265°C (dec).

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 10.8 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

e) 4-[2-[5,7-Dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid,1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester.

The procedure described in Example 7a was followed using the benzisoxazole formed in step d (2.33 g, 12.4 mmol), 1M LDA (40.9 mL, 40.9 mmol), and 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidine-carboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester (4.42 g, 13.6 mmol) in dry THF (500 mL), except that after addition of reagents, the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 4 hours. Purification by chromatography (20% → 30% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) gave recovered starting material (0.210 g, 9%) and the title compound (2.75 g, 58%) as an off-white solid.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 4.08-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.97 (t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 2.69 (br t, 2H, J=12.8Hz), 1.74-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.18 (ddd, 2H, J=24.4Hz, J=12.1Hz, J=4.3Hz).

f) 5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one maleate

Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (3.3 mL) was added dropwise to a cold (0°C) solution of the piperidine formed in step e (0.50 g, 1.30 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (13 mL). After 30 min, the mixture was concentrated and excess TFA was removed by concentrating from toluene (2 to 3 times). The crude residue was dissolved in DMF (12.5 mL) and sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃) (0.689 g, 6.50 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.186 mL, 1.56 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at

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room temperature for 4 hours. The reaction was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in methylene chloride and washed with brine, and dried (MGSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel chromatography ($CH_2Cl_2 \rightarrow 10\%$ methanol/ CH_2Cl_2) gave the title compound (free base) (0.343 g, 70%) as a white solid.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.061 g, 0.528 mmol) in ethanol (EtOH) (1 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.180 g, 0.48 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). After concentrating, the salt was purified by recrystallization from isopropanol to give an off-white solid. Yield: 0.173 g, 73%.

M.p. 194-195°C.

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 10.82 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 5H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.24 (br s, 2H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 3.25-3.38 (m, 2H), 2.94 (t, 2H, J=7.6), 2.81-2.97 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.60 (m, 3H).

Calc'd for $C_{23}H_{25}N_3O_2 \circ C_4H_4O_4$: C, 65.97; H, 5.95; N, 8.55. Found: C, 65.98; H, 6.04; N, 8.54.

Example 13

1-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]isoquinoline maleate

a) 4-[2-[1-Isoquinolyl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester

The procedure described in Example 7a was followed using 1-methyl isoquinoline (0.50 g, 3.49 mmol), 1M LDA (4.2 mL, 4.2 mmol), and 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl) ester (1.2 g, 3.84 mmol) in dry THF (45 mL) except that after addition of the reagents, the

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rixture was stirred at -78°C for 1.75 hours. Purification by chromatography (30% EtOAc/toluene) gave the title compound (0.784 g, 66%) as a yellow oil.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (d, 1H, J=5.8Hz), 8.08 (d, 1H, J=8.3Hz), 7.77 (d, 1H, J=8.0Hz), 7.62 (t, 1H, J=7.1Hz), 7.54 (t, 1H, J=7.1Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, J=5.7Hz), 4.08 (br s, 2H), 3.25-3.30 (m, 2H), 2.67 (br t, 2H, J=12.3Hz), 1.73-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.17 (ddd, 2H, J=24.6Hz, J=12.1Hz, J=3.8Hz).

b) 1-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]isoquinoline maleate

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed using the piperidine formed in step a (0.713 g, 2.10 mmol) and TFA (7 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (14 mL), and triethylamine (2.9 mL, 21.0 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.275 mL, 2.31 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL). After purification (CH₂Cl₂ → 5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), the title compound (free base) (0.26 g, 38%) was obtained as a pale yellow oil.

The mono maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.10 g, 0.867 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.26 g, 0.788 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL). After concentrating, the salt was purified by recrystallization [cold (0°) EtOAc] to give an off-white solid. Yield: 0.195 g, 56%.

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¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 8.39 (d, 1H, J=5.7), 8.26 (d, 1H, J=8.3), 7.97 (d, 1H, J=8.1), 7.77 (t, 1H, J=7.4), 7.66-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.49 (s, 5H), 6.05 (s, 2H), 4.28 (br s, 2H), 3.27-3.32 (m, 2H), 2.87-2.90 (m, 2H), 1.76-2.03 (m, 6H), 1.55-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.46 (m, 2H).

Example 14

3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisothiazole maleate

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a) 4-[2-[1,2-Benzisothiazol-3-yl]ethyl]-1piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester.

The procedure described in Example 1d was followed using 3-methyl-1,2-benzisothiazole (0.50 g, 3.35 mmol), 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (1.20 g, 3.69 mmol), and 1M lithium disopropylamide (LDA) (3.35 mL, 3.35 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL). After purification, the title compound (0.582 g, 50%) was obtained as a pale yellow oil.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.91-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.52 (m, 2H), 4.05-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.15 (t, 2H, J=7.9Hz), 2.69 (br t, 2H, J=12.1Hz), 1.74-1.88 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.29-1.10 (m, 2H).

b) 3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisothiazole maleate

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed using the piperidine formed in step a (0.102 g, 0.29 mmol) and trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (0.75 mL) in methylene chloride (CH_2Cl_2) (3 mL), and triethylamine (0.202 mL, 1.45 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.038 mL, 0.32 mmol) in methylene chloride (CH_2Cl_2) (3 mL). After purification, the title compound (free base) (0.058 g, 62%) was obtained as a clear oil.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of 25 maleic acid (0.020 g, 0.17 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.058 g, 0.17 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL). The resulting mixture was concentrated and the residue was triturated with Et₂O. The white solid obtained was filtered and collected to give the title compound (0.077 g, 30 96%).

 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.14-8.21 (m, 2H), 7.63 (t, J=7.4, 1H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 6H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 4.26 (br s, 2H), 3.35 (br s, 2H), 3.15 (t, J=7.6, 2H), 2.80-2.92 (m, 2H), 1.92-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.45 (m, 2H).

M.p.: 175-176°C.

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 13 C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 167.3, 166.2, 151.6, 136.0, 134.2, 131.2, 130.1, 129.5, 128.9, 127.9, 124.9, 123.6, 120.6, 59.4, 51.6, 32.5, 33.5, 28.9, 27.8.

IR (KBr) 3030, 2910, 2350, 1700, 1575, 1445, 1350 cm⁻¹.

EIMS: 336.2 (M+, free base), 319.1, 245.1, 185.1, 172.1, 91.0 (base).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{24}N_2S \cdot C_4H_4O_4$: C, 66.35; H, 6.24; N, 6.19. Found: C, 66.21; H, 5.93; N, 6.03.

Example 15

10 4-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1.3-quinazoline maleate

a) 4-[2-[1,3-Quinazol-4-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

Freshly made 1M LDA (4.2 mL, 4.2 mmol) was added to a 20 solution of 4-methyl-1,3-quinazoline (0.60 g, 4.2 mmol) in THF (35 mL) at 0°C. To the yellow solution obtained, was added neat trimethylsilyl chloride (0.53 mL, 4.2 mmol). The ice bath was removed and the reaction was allowed to stir 25 for 3 min. The mixture was re-cooled to 0°C, and a second equivalent of 1M LDA (4.2 mL, 4.2 mmol) was added. Next, a solution of 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (1.49 g, 4.6 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added and stirring was continued at 0°C for 1 hour. 30 Dilute HCl (1 N) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction was made basic by addition of 1N NaOH and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO4), filtered, and Purification by silica gel flash concentrated. gave the title 35 chromatography (20→50% EtOAc-hexanes) compound (0.466 g, 33%) as an oil.

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 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, 1H, J=7.7Hz), 8.05 (d, 1H, J=8.4Hz), 7.90 (t, 1H, J=7.8 Hz), 7.65 (t, 1H, J=7.7Hz), 4.08-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.32 (t, 2H, J=8.3Hz), 2.72 (br t, 2H, J=12.1Hz), 1.78-1.90 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.18-1.29 (m, 2H).

b) 4-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1.3quinazoline maleate

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed with the piperidine obtained in step a (0.429 g, 1.26 mmol) and 10 TFA (3.5 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (13 mL), and triethylamine (0.88 mL, 6.3 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.17 mL, 1.39 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (22 mL). After purification by chromatography (CH₂Cl₂→10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂), the title compound, free base (0.179 g, 43%) was obtained as a colorless oil.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.052 g, 0.45 mmol) in Et_2O (10 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.135 g, 0.41 mmol) in Et_2O (200 mL). The white solid obtained was collected by filtration to give the title compound (0.103 g, 56%).

M.p.: 121-122°C.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, 1H, J=8.4Hz), 7.98-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.43 (s, 5H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 4.08 (br s, 2H), 3.32 (t, 2H, J=7.7Hz), 3.15-3.35 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.80 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.79 (m,

25 2H), 1.30-1.60 (m, 3H).

IR (KBr) 3037, 2923, 1705, 1571, 1386 cm⁻¹.

EIMS: 331 (M+, free base), 318, 248, 143, 77 (base). Anal. Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{25}N_3 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$: C, 69.78; H, 6.53; N, 9.39. Found: C, 69.46; H, 6.61; N, 9.26.

Example 16

6-Hydroxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole

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A mixture of 6-methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.1.1 g, 0.288 mmol) in 48% aqueous HBr (10 mL) was heated at 110°C for 16 hours. The mixture was made basic by addition of saturated NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (3-6% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (0.055 g, 57%) as a white solid.

M.p.: 148-149°C.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (br s, 1H), 7.27-7.37 (m, 6H), 20 6.74-6.80 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 3.04 (br d, 2H, J=10.8Hz), 2.88 (t, 2H, J=7.7Hz), 2.05-2.20 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.95 (m, 4H), 1.30-1.60 (m, 3H).

IR (KBr) 3080, 3040, 2945, 1624, 1437, 1384 cm⁻¹.

EIMS: 336.2 (M+), 319.2, 255.0, 185.1, 91.1 (base).

HRMS calcd. for $C_{21}H_{24}N_2O_2$: 336.18382. Found: 336.18187.

Example 17

6-Bromo-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate

a) 4-[2-[6-Bromo-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl]ethyl]-1piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

The procedure described in Example 1d was followed with 6-bromo-3-methyl-1,2-benzisoxazole (1.02 g, 4.81 mmol), 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (1.72 g, 5.29 mmol), and 1M LDA (5.30 mL, 5.30 mmol) in dry THF (40 mL), except that after addition of reagents, the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1.5 hours. After purification, the title compound (0.697 g, 35%) was obtained as a pale yellow solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, 1H, J=7.2Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H, J=7.2Hz), 4.11 (br d, 2H, J=14.3Hz), 3.02 (t, 2H, J=7.2Hz), 2.70 (dt, 2H, J=12.9Hz, J=3.6Hz), 1.70-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.45-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.09-1.29 (m, 2H).

b) 6-Bromo-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl] ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed with the piperidine formed in step a (0.398 g, 0.972 mmol) and TFA (4 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (26 mL), and triethylamine (1.6 mL, 11.8 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.155 mL, 1.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL). Another reaction with the above piperidine (0.102g, 0.249 mmol) was also carried out. Crude product from both reactions was combined and after purification, the title compound, free base (0.021 g, 4%) was obtained as a tan solid.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.023 g, 0.198 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.072 g, 0.18 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL). After concentration, the residue was recrystallized from EtOH to give the title compound (0.035 g, 38%) as a white solid.

M.p.: 156.8-157.5°C.

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 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, 1H, J=8.4Hz), 7.58 (d, 1H, J=8.5Hz), 7.47 (s, 5H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 4.23 (br s, 2H), 3.25-3.40 (m, 2H), 3.02 (t, 2H, J=7.5Hz), 2.80-2.95 (m, 2H), 1.88-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.60 (m, 3H).

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 13 C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 167.2, 162.8, 158.6, 136.0, 131.1, 129.5, 128.9, 127.0, 124.0, 123.7, 120.6, 113.1, 59.6, 51.9, 32.7, 28.9, 21.6.

EIMS: 398 (M+), 381, 309, 252, 200, 185 (base), 172, 5 91.

HRMS calc'd for C₂₁H₂₃BrN₂O: 398.0994. Found: 398.0941. <u>Example 18</u>

6-Cyano-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole

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A solution of NaNO, (0.112 g, 1.62 mmol) in H_2O (4 mL)was added to a solution of 6-amino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.534 g, 1.59 mmol) in 28% HCl (20 mL) kept at 0°C. The resulting mixture was 20 neutralized to pH 7 by cautious addition of solid Na₂CO₃. The neutral mixture was added in portions to a well-stirred mixture of toluene (75 mL), ice, and a freshly prepared solution of CuCN (Organic Synthesis, Coll. Vol. I, p. 514; CuSO4: 0.318 g, 1.99 mmol). The mixture obtained was kept at 25 0°C for 30 minutes, then at room temperature for 2 hours, and finally, heated at 50°C for 5 minutes. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase was washed with H2O, brine, dried (MgSO4), filtered, by silica gel Purification concentrated. 30 chromatography (3% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (0.236 g, 43%) as a pale orange solid. Recrystallization (EtOH-hexanes) of a small sample gave the title compound as an off-white solid.

M.p.: 113-114.5°C.

35 $^{1}H-NMR$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, 1H, J=8.4Hz), 7.57 (d, 1H, J=8.7Hz), 7.24-7.33 (m, 5H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 3.04

(t, 2H, J=7.9Hz), 2.92 (br d, 2H, J=11.2Hz), 1.97 (br t, 2H, J=10.7Hz), 1.74-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.26-1.40 (m, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 161.7, 158.8, 129.2, 128.2, 127.0, 126.3, 125.1, 122.5, 118.1, 114.5, 113.2, 63.4, 53.6, 35.2, 5 34.0, 32.0, 22.6.

IR (CHCl₃) 2830, 2720, 2160, 1600, 1425, 1385 cm-l. FABMS: 346 (M+ + 1), 309, 275, 239, 155, 119 (base). HRMS calc'd for $C_{22}H_{23}N_3O$: 345.1842. Found: 345.1826.

Example 19

10 6-Carboxamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]1,2-benzisoxazole

Powdered KOH (0.150 g, 2.68 mmol) was added to a mixture of 6-cyano-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,220 benzisoxazole (0.250 g, 0.724 mmol) in t-BuOH (10 mL). The resulting mixture was heated at 85°C for 20 minutes. The cooled reaction mixture was poured over brine and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic phase was washed with 10% NaOH, brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by recrystallization (EtOAc-hexanes) to give the title compound (0.114 g, 43%) as a white solid.

M.p.: 181-182°C.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 8.20 (br s, 1H, -NH), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H, J=8.4Hz), 7.87 (d, 1H, J=8.1Hz), 7.64 (br s, 1H-NH), 7.22-7.31 (m, 5H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.02 (t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 2.78 (br d, 2H, J=11.5Hz), 1.87 (br t, 2H, J=10.9Hz), 1.69-1.73 (m, 4H), 1.22-1.26 (m, 3H).

 13 C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 162.0, 158.9, 138.9, 136.3, 128.7, 126.8, 126.8, 123.3, 122.9, 122.0, 108.7, 62.5, 53.2, 35 34.9, 33.7, 31.6, 22.0.

FABMS: 346 $[(M^+ + 1), base]$, 321, 272, 185, 172.

Example 20

3-[(1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidyl)methoxy]-1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate

a) 4-[(1,2-Benzisoxazol-3-yl)oxymethyl]-1-piperidine-5 carboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

NaH (60% mineral oil dispersion, 0.941 g, 23.53 mmol) was added in portions to a solution of 4-hydroxymethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (4.82 g, 22.41 mmol) in DMF (220 mL) at 0°C. After 10 minutes, the reaction was warmed to room temperature and 3-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazole (3.44 g, 22.41 mmol) was added. The mixture obtained was heated at 115°C for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with H₂O (4x), brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (10% EtOAchexanes) gave the title compound (4.16 g, 56%) as a white solid.

M.p.: 103-104.5°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, 1H, J=7.9Hz), 7.48-7.54 (m, 20 1H), 7.41 (d, 1H, J=8.5Hz), 7.22-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.28 (d, 2H, J=6.5Hz), 4.16 (br d, 2H, J=13.3Hz), 2.75 (dt, 2H, J=13.2Hz, J=2.6Hz), 2.04-2.13 (m, 1H), 1.83 (br d, 2H, J=13.7Hz), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.30 (ddd, 2H, J=24.9Hz, J=12.5Hz, J=4.2Hz).

b) 3-[(1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidyl)methoxy]-1,225 benzisoxazole fumarate

Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (10 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of piperidine formed in step a (0.827 g, 2.49 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) at 0°C. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C for 20 minutes. The mixture was concentrated, and excess TFA was removed by concentrating from toluene. The residue was partitioned between CH₂Cl₂ and

saturated NaHCO₃. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product (0.192 g, 0.827 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL), and triethylamine (0.58 mL, 4.13 mmol) followed by benzyl bromide (0.128 mL, 1.07 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred overnight (18 hours) at room temperature. The reaction was washed with H₂O, brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (5% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound, free base (0.199 g, 25%) as an off-white solid.

The fumarate salt was prepared by adding fumaric acid (0.074 g, 0.633 mmol) dissolved in the minimum amount of EtOH to a solution of the free base (0.186 g, 0.58 mmol) in $\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}$ (6 mL). After concentrating, the crude salt was purified by recrystallization (EtOH-Et₂O) to give the title compound (0.134 g, 53%) as an off-white solid.

M.p.: 163-164°C.

 1 H-NMR (DMSO- d_{6}) & 7.74 (d, 1H, J=7.8Hz), 7.61-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.41 (m, 6H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 4.28 (d, 2H, J=6.4Hz), 3.65 (s, 2H), 2.97 (br d, 2H, J=11.4 Hz), 2.20 (br t, 2H, J=11.7Hz), 1.90-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.81 (brd, 2H, J=12.8Hz), 1.38-1.49 (m, 2H).

 13 C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 166.5, 166.1, 163.3, 137.0, 134.3, 131.1, 129.3, 128.3, 127.3, 123.6, 120.8, 113.5, 110.3, 74.2, 61.7, 52.2, 34.7, 27.6.

IR (KBr) 2980, 2550, 1706, 1650, 1616, 1573, 1447, 1374 cm⁻¹.

EIMS: 305, 185, 172, 91 (base).

HRMS calc'd. for $C_{20}H_{22}N_2O_2$ (freebase): 322.1682. Found: 30 322.1719.

Anal. Calc'd. for $C_{20}H_{22}N_2O_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4 \cdot 0.75H_2O:C$, 63.78; H, 6.13; N, 6.20. Found: C, 63.88; H, 5.85; N, 6.14.

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Example 21

3-[(1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidyl)methylamino]-1,2-benzisoxazole

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A mixture of 3-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.238 g, 1.55 mmol), 4-aminomethyl-1-phenylmethyl piperidine (0.316 g, 1.55 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (0.214 g, 1.55 mmol) in DMSO (10 mL) was heated at 150°C for 20 hours. The cooled reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (75 mL) and poured over H₂O (200 mL). The organic phase was separated and washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The brown oil obtained was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (4% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to give the title compound (0.084 g, 17%) as pale yellow oil.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.44-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, 1H, 20 J=8.8Hz), 7.16-7.31 (m, 6H), 4.35-4.42 (m, 1H, -NH-), 3.51 (s, 2H), 3.33 (t, 2H, J=6.2Hz), 2.92 (br d, 2H, J=11.5Hz), 1.99 (t, 2H, J=11.6Hz), 1.77 (br d, 2H, J=12.7Hz), 1.75-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.45 (m, 2H).

¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 158.6, 137.8, 129.8, 129.3, 25 128.2, 127.2, 122.1, 119.7, 116.2, 110.1, 63.2, 53.3, 49.4, 35.2, 29.9, 29.7.

IR (KBr) 3290, 2924, 2852, 1614, 1564, 1450, 1365 cm¹. EIMS: 321 (M+), 230, 201, 185, 172, 91 (base). HRMS calc'd. for $C_{20}H_{23}N_3O$: 321.1842. Found: 321.1825.

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Example 22

3-[2-[(1-Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethylamino]-1.2-benzisoxazole

The procedure described in Example 21 was followed with 3-chloro-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.682 g, 4.44 mmol), 4-aminoethyl-1-phenylmethyl piperidine (0.970 g, 4.44 mmol), and K_2CO_3 (0.614 g, 4.44 mmol) in DMSO (30 mL). After purification, the title compound (0.231 g, 15%) was obtained as a pale yellow oil.

¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 162.7, 158.6, 137.8, 129.8, 129.4, 128.2, 127.1, 122.1, 119.8, 116.3, 110.0, 63.3, 53.6, 41.5, 36.1, 33.4, 32.0.

EIMS: 335 (M+), 244, 199, 186, 172, 91 (base). HRMS calc'd. for $C_{21}H_{25}N_3O$: 335.1998. Found: 335.1909.

Example 23

3-[3-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]propyl]-1,2benzisoxazole maleate

a) 4-(2-Ethoxy-2-oxoethylidine)-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

A solution of triethyl phosphonoacetate (3.1 mL, 15.69 mmol) in freshly distilled 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME, 12.5

mL) was added to a slurry of NaH (60% mineral oil dispersion, 0.75 g, 18.18 mmol) in DME (6.5 mL). The mixture obtained was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature and a solution of 4-keto-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethyethyl)ester (2.5 g, 12.55 mmol) in DME (12.5 mL) was added. After stirring overnight (15 hours), the mixture was concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (5→20% EtOAc-hexanes) to give the title compound (3.06 g, 91%) as a white solid.

10 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.16 (q, 2H, J=7.1Hz), 3.45-3.53 (m, 4H), 2.94 (t, 2H, J=5.7Hz), 2.28 (t, 2H, J=5.6Hz), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.28 (t, 3H, J=7.1Hz).

b) 4-Ethoxycarbonylmethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

A mixture of olefin obtained in step a (3.05 g, 11.3 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (1.2 g, 1.13 mmol) in EtOH (50 mL) was hydrogenated in a Parr shaker at 50 psi for 1.5 hours. The mixture was filtered through a Celite pad, and the filtrate was concentrated to give the title compound (3.07 g, quantitative) as a colorless oil.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 4.14 (q, 2H, J=7.0Hz), 4.05-4.12 (m, 2H), 2.72 (br dt, 2H, J=12.1Hz, J=2.8Hz), 2.23 (d, 2H, J=7.2Hz), 1.85-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, 3H, J=7.0Hz), 1.05-1.23 (m, 2H).

25 c) 4-Hydroxyethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

The procedure described in Example 1b was followed with the ester obtained in step b (3.06 g, 11.3 mmol) and lithium aluminum hydride (0.47 g, 12.4 mmol) in THF (105 mL).

Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (50% EtOAchexanes) gave unreacted starting material (0.73 g, 24%) and the title compound (1.74 g, 68%) as a colorless oil.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) 4.07 (br d, 2H, J=14.1Hz), 3.71 (t, 2H, J=6.5Hz), 2.69 (brt, 2H, J=12.5Hz), 1.50-1.70 (m, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.05-1.15 (m, 2H).

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d) 4-Iodoethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

The procedure described in Example 1c was followed with the alcohol obtained in step c (1.74 g, 7.59 mmol), triphenylphosphine (2.49 g, 9.49 mmol), iodine (2.31 g, 9.11 mmol), and pyridine (1.5 mL, 18.2 mmol) in benzene (50 mL). After purification, the title compound (2.27 g, 98%) was obtained as a colorless oil.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 4.09 (br d, 2H, J=11.4Hz), 3.22 (t, 2H, 10 J=7.3Hz), 2.70 (brt, 2H, J=12.5Hz), 1.78 (q, 2H, J=6.9Hz), 1.47-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.12 (ddd, 2H, J=24.3Hz), J=12.9Hz, J=4.3Hz).

e) 4-[3-[1,2-Benzisoxazol-3-yl]propyl]-1piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

The procedure described in Example 1d was followed with 3-methyl-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.412 g, 3.09 mmol), the iodide obtained in step d (1.15 g, 3.4 mmol), and 1M LDA (3.4 mL, 3.4 mmol) in THF (8 mL). After purification, the title compound (0.694 g, 65%) was obtained as pale yellow oil.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) & 7.65 (d, 1H, J=8.0Hz), 7.54-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.34 (m, 1H), 4.08 (brd, 2H, J=12.5Hz), 2.99 (t, 2H, J=7.6Hz), 2.66 (brt, 2H, J=12.0Hz), 1.86-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.36-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.06-1.12 (m, 2H).

f) 3-[3-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]propyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate

The procedure described in Example 1e was followed with piperidine obtained in step e (0.544 g, 1.58 mmol) and TFA (4 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (16 mL), and triethylamine (1.1 mL, 7.9 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.21 mL, 1.74 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) for 7.25 hours. Purification by chromatography ($2 \rightarrow 5\%$ MeOH- CH_2Cl_2) gave the title compound, free base (0.285 g, 54%) as a pale yellow oil.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding maleic acid (0.109 g, 0.94 mmol) dissolved in the minimum amount of EtOH to a solution of the free base (0.285 g, 0.85 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). After concentrating, the residue was purified by

recrystallization (EtOAc) to give the title compound (0.292 g, 76%) as an off-white solid.

M.p.: 134.5-135.5.

¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 7.90 (d, 1H, J=7.9Hz), 7.61-7.72 (m, 5 2H), 7.47 (s, 5H), 7.38 (t, 1H, J=7.3Hz), 6.04 (s, 2H), 4.26 (br s, 2H), 3.22-3.45 (m, 2H), 2.99 (t, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 2.70-2.96 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.90 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.20-1.40 (m, 4H).

¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 167.2, 162.2, 158.4, 135.8, 131.2, 10 130.3, 129.5, 128.9, 123.5, 122.1, 121.2, 109.7, 59.3, 51.7, 34.8, 32.6, 28.9, 24.5, 24.1.

IR (KBr) 2942, 1705, 1581, 1460, 1359 cm⁻¹.

EIMS: 334 (M+, free base), 243, 202, 173 (base), 91.

Anal. calc'd. for $C_{22}H_{26}N_2O \cdot C_4H_4O_4$: C, 69.31; H, 6.71; N,

15 6.22. Found: C, 69.11; H, 6.64; N, 6.46.

Example 24

trans-3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]-1,2benzisoxazole maleate

NaH (60% mineral oil dispersion, 0.10 g, 2.51 mmol) was added to a mixture of 3-triphenylphosphoniummethyl-1,2-benzisoxazole bromide (1.19 g, 2.51 mmol) in THF (10 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 1 hour, a solution of 4-carboxaldehyde-1-phenylmethylpiperidine (0.51 g, 2.51 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added. The mixture obtained was stirred for 4 hours and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was partitioned between diethyl ether and H₂O. The separated organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (40% EtOAc-hexanes) gave the title compound, free base (0.483 g, 60%) as a colorless oil.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding maleic acid (0.194 g, 1.67 mmol) dissolved in the minimum amount of EtoH to a solution of the free base (0.483 g, 1.52 mmol) in $\rm Et_2O$ (25 mL). The white solid obtained was collected by filtration to give the title compound (0.581 g, 88%).

M.p.: 174-175°C.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 8.16 (d, 1H, J=7.8Hz), 7.75 (d, 1H, J=8.4Hz), 7.67 (t, 1H, J=8.2Hz), 7.41-7.55 (m, 6H), 6.96 (br dd, 1H, J=16.5Hz, J=5.6Hz), 6.78 (d, 1H, J=16.5Hz), 6.08 (s, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.32-3.39 (m, 2H), 2.95-3.15 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.06 (br d, 2H, J=12.6Hz), 1.60-1.90 (m, 2H).

 13 C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 167.3, 162.7, 154.9, 142.7, 135.9, 131.2, 130.4, 130.2, 129.5, 128.9, 124.2, 122.7, 119.4, 116.5, 109.9, 59.2, 51.0, 36.2, 27.8.

IR (KBr) 3035, 2944, 1708, 1588, 1472, 1360 cm⁻¹. EIMS: 3.18 (M+, free base), 201, 227, 172, 91 (base). Anal. Calc'd. for $C_{21}H_{22}N_2O \circ C_4H_4O_4$: C, 69.11; H, 6.03; N,

6.45. Found: C, 69.04; H, 6.27; N, 6.38.

Example 25

3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperazinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole dihydrochloride salt

A mixture of 3-(2-chloroethyl)-1,2-benzisoxazole (0.55 g, 3.03 mmol) and N-benzylpiperazine (1.06 mL, 6.06 mmol) in xylene (4 mL) was heated at 150°C for 4.75 hours. The cooled mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with H₂O. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (50% EtOAc-hexanes-100% EtOAc) gave the title compound, free base (0.337 g, 35%) as a pale yellow oil.

The dihydrochloride salt was made by bubbling excess hydrogen chloride through a solution of the free base (0.337)

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g, 1.05 mmol) in Et_2O (50 mL). The white solid formed was collected by filtration to give the title compound (0.259 g, 63%).

M.p.: 233-234°C.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (D₂O) & 7.79 (d, 1H, J=8.0Hz), 7.53-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 5H), 7.40 (ddd, 1H, J=7.9Hz, J=6.6Hz, J=1.3Hz), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.82 (t, 2H, J=7.5Hz), 3.60-3.80 (m, 8H), 3.55 (t, 2H, J=7.5Hz).

¹³C-NMR (D₂O) δ 165.5, 158.0, 134.1, 133.6, 132.4, 130.3, 10 127.1, 124.4, 123.2, 112.8, 63.4, 56.6, 51.8, 51.0, 23.2.

IR (KBr) 2989, 1608, 1436, 1375 cm⁻¹.

EIMS: 321 (M+, free base), 256, 189, 91 (base).

Anal. Calc'd. for $C_{20}H_{23}N_3O \cdot 2HCl$: C, 60.92; H, 6.39; N, 10.66. Found: C, 60.64; H, 6.57; N, 10.42.

<u>Example 26</u>

5,7-Dihydro-7-methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-fl-1,2-benzisoxazole-6-one mesylate

NaH (60% mineral oil dispersion, 0.048 g, 1.2 mmol) was

20 added to a solution of 5,7-dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazole-6-one
(0.374 g, 1.0 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) at room temperature.

After evolution of hydrogen gas had subsided, methyl iodide
(0.093 mL, 1.5 mmol) was added and the mixture obtained was

25 stirred for 5.5 hours. Saturated NH₄Cl and H₂O (>50 mL) were
added. The reaction was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the
organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated.

Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂→3%

 $MeOH-CH_2Cl_2$) gave the title compound, free base (0.056 g, 14%) as an off-white foam.

The mesylate salt was made by adding methanesulfonic acid (0.009 mL, 0.144 mmol) to a solution of the free base (0.056 g, 0.044 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL). After concentration, the residue was triturated from Et_2O to give the title compound (0.049 g, 70%) as an off-white solid.

M.p.: 164-165°C (dec).

¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.49 (s, 5H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 3.35 (br d, 2H, J=11.6Hz), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.85-2.99 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.95 (br d, 2H, J=12.9Hz), 1.66-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.44 (m, 2H).

EIMS: 389 (M+, free base), 298, 217, 200, 185 (base), 172.

HRMS Calc'd. for $C_{24}H_{27}N_3O_2 \bullet CH_3SO_3H$: 389.2104. Found: 389.2075.

Example 27

5,7-Dihydro-7-ethyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-fl-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one
mesylate

The procedure described in Example 26 was followed with 5,7-dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one (0.374 g, 1.0 mmol), NaH (0.068 g, 1.7 mmol), and ethyl iodide (0.16 mL, 2.0 mmol) in DMF (10 mL). After purification, the title compound, free base (0.076 g, 19%) was obtained as a pale yellow oil.

The mesylate salt was made by adding methanesulfonic acid (0.007 mL, 0.112 mmol) to a solution of the free base (0.045 g, 0.112 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). After concentration, the residue was triturated from Et₂O to give the title compound (0.042 g, 75%) as an off-white solid (hygroscopic).

M.p.: ~162°C (dec at >60°C)

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO- d_{6}) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 5H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.77 (br q, 2H, J=7.1Hz), 3.64 (s, 2H), 3.34-3.39 (m, 2H), 2.92-2.98 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.94 (br 10 d, 2H, J=12.8Hz), 1.66-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.60 (m, 3H), 1.16 (t, 3H, J=7.1Hz).

¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) 174.5, 163.2, 158.1, 147.0, 131.4, 131.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 121.2, 117.0, 115.2, 90.0, 59.3, 51.6, 34.5, 34.4, 33.0, 32.6, 28.5, 21.6, 12.3.

15 IR (KBr) 2934, 1716, 1630, 1605, 1466, 1330 cm⁻¹.

EIMS 403 (M+, free base), 386, 312, 185 (base), 172.

HRMS Calc'd. for $C_{25}H_{29}N_3O_2 \circ CH_3SO_3H$: 403.22605. 403.22761.

Example 28

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5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(2-chloro-5-thiophenemethyl)-4piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-fl-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one

The procedure described in Example 12f was followed with-[2-[5,7-dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6one-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1dimethylethyl)ester (0.328 g, 0.851 mmol) and TFA (2 mL) in CH2Cl2 (8 mL). Only a portion of the crude salt was utilized 35 in the alkylation step: Na_2CO_3 (0.175 g, 1.66 mmol) and 2chloro-5-chloromethylthiophene (0.048 mL, 0.40 mmol) in DMF

(3 mL). After purification (2-4% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂), the title compound (0.0514 g, 43%) was obtained as a white solid.

M.p.: 202-204°C (dec)

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 10.8 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 5 1H), 6.92 (d, 1H, J=3.7Hz), 6.80 (d, 1H, J=3.7Hz), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 2.81-2.93 (m, 4H), 1.91 (br t, 2H, J=10.7Hz), 1.61-1.71 (m, 4H), 1.11-1.23 (m, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 176.7, 162.9, 158.3, 146.5, 142.8, 127.0, 126.1, 125.1, 123.2, 117.1, 115.1, 90.1, 57.0, 53.0,

35.0, 34.8, 33.9, 31.6, 21.9.

IR (KBr) 3174, 2950, 1702, 1631, 1453, 1330 cm⁻¹. EIMS: 398, 382, 350, 322, 236, 172, 91, 81 (base).

HRMS calc'd. for $C_{21}H_{22}ClN_3O_2S$: 415.1122. Found:

415.1085.

15 Anal. Calc'd. for C₂₁H₂₂ClN₃O₂S•0.5H₂O: C, 59.36; H, 5.46; N, 9.89. Found: C, 59.21; H, 5.12; N, 9.65.

Example 29

5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(2-methyl-4-thiazolemethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-fl-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one

The procedure described in Example 12f was followed with 4-[2-[5,7-dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-30 6-one-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (0.367 g, 0.952 mmol) and TFA (2.5 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and Na₂CO₃ (1.01 g, 9.52 mmol) and 4-chloromethyl-2-methylthiazole hydrochloride salt (0.210 g, 1.142 mmol) in DMF (10 mL). Purification by chromatography (4% MeOH-EtOAc) followed by recrystallization (EtOAchexanes) gave the title compound (0.074 g, 20%) as a white solid.

M.p.: 172-173°C (dec.)

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.40 (br s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 3.07 (brd, 2H, J=11.3Hz), 2.93 (t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.15 (brt, 2H, J=10.8Hz), 1.76-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.55 (m, 3H).

 13 C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 177.4, 166.0, 163.6, 158.3, 151.7, 145.1, 122.2, 116.9, 116.8, 116.3, 91.5, 57.8, 53.4, 35.4, 34.8, 34.0, 31.2, 22.5, 19.2.

IR (KBr) 3101, 3015, 2938, 2924, 1713, 1633, 1456, 1328 10 cm⁻¹.

EIMS: 396 (M+), 379, 284, 267, 206 (base).

HRMS calc'd. for $C_{21}H_{24}N_4O_2S$: 396.1621. Found: 396.1631.

Example 30

3-[2-[1-(3-Bromophenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,7dihydro-6H pyrrolo[4,5-fl-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one

The procedure described in Example 12f was followed with 4-[2-[5,7-dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (0.50 g, 1.30 mmol) and TFA (3 mL) in Ch₂Cl₂ (12 mL), and Na₂CO₃ (0.689 g, 6.5 mmol) and 3-bromobenzyl bromide (0.46g, 1.84 mmol) in DMF (20 mL). Purification aby chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ → 5% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (0.314 g, 53%) as a pale yellow solid. Recrystallization (EtoAc, twice) gave a white solid (0.076 g, 13%).

35 M.p.: 173-174°C.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H, J=7.7Hz), 7.23 (d, 1H, J=7.9Hz), 7.16 (t,

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1H, J=7.7Hz), 7.00 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.86-2.96 (m, 4H), 1.90-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.30-1.42 (m, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 163.5, 158.4, 144.7, 132.0, 130.1, 129.8, 127.8, 122.3, 122.0, 116.9, 116.5, 91.5, 62.6, 53.6, 35.3, 35.2, 34.3, 31.9, 22.6.

Example 31

3-[2-[1-(4-Bromophenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,7-dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one

The procedure described in Example 12f was followed with 4-[2-[5,7-dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-20 6-one-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, <math>1-(1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)ester (0.50 g, 1.3 mmol) and TFA (3 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (12 mL), and Na_2CO_3 (0.689 g, 6.5 mmol) and 4-bromobenzyl bromide (0.39 g, 1.56 mmol) in DMF (15 mL). Purification by chromatography ($CH_2Cl_2 \rightarrow 5\%$ MeOH- CH_2Cl_2) gave the title compound (0.415 g, 70%) as an off-white solid.

M.p.: 177-178°C.

 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.98 (br s, 1H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, 2H, J=8.2Hz), 6.99 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 2.87-2.94 (m, 4H), 1.94 (brt, 2H, J=10.5Hz), 1.65-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.20-1.35 (m, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 178.1, 163.5, 158.4, 145.2, 137.3, 131.2, 130.8, 122.2, 120.7, 116.7, 116.3, 91.5, 62.5, 53.5, 35.5, 35.2, 34.2, 31.9, 22.5.

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Example 32

5,7-Dihydro-3-[3-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]propyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one

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4-[3-[5,7-Dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2a) benzisoxazol-6-one-3-yl|propyl|-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

The procedure described in Example 7a was followed with 15 5,7-dihydro-3-methyl-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6one (0.13 q, 0.69 mmol), 1M LDA (2.8 mL, 2.8 mmol), and 4iodoethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (0.233 g, 0.69 mmol) in dry THF (14 mL), except 20 that after addition of reagents, the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 4 hours. Purification by chromatography (10% → 50% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) gave recovered starting material (0.031 g, 24%) and the title compound (0.129 g, 47%) as a colorless oil.

25 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 9.50 (s, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 4.06 (brd, 2H, J=14.5Hz), 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.91 (t, 2H, J=7.5Hz), 2.66 (dt, 2H, J=13.0Hz, J=2.0Hz), 1.81-187 (m, 2H), 1.65 (brd, 2H, J=12.3Hz), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.34-1.43 (m, 3H), 1.09-1.20 (m, 2H).

5,7-Dihydro-3-[3-[3-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-30 b) piperidinyl]propyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one

The procedure described in Example 12f was followed with the piperidine obtained in step a (0.114 g, 0.29 mmol) and TFA (1.5 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL), and Na_2CO_3 (0.154 g, 1.45 35 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.042 mL, 0.35 mmol) in DMF (5 mL). Purification by chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ → 5% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (0.070 g, 62%) as a white foamy

solid. Recrystallization (CH_2Cl_2) gave a white solid (0.054 g, 48%).

M.p.: 164-166°C.

 $^{1}H-NMR$ (CDCl₃) δ 9.73 (br s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.24-5 7.34 (m, 5H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 2.86-2.97 (m, 4H), 1.97-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.38 (m, 5H).

¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) 177.7, 163.6, 158.3, 145.2, 129.5, 128.3, 127.3, 122.2, 116.8, 116.4, 91.6, 63.2, 53.6, 36.1, 35.5, 35.3, 31.9, 25.4, 25.0.

IR (KBr) 3150, 3096, 2930, 1705, 1634, 1495, 1345 cm⁻¹. EIMS 389 (M+), 372, 298, 202, 172, 108, 91 (base). HRMS calc'd. for $C_{24}H_{27}N_3O$: 389.2104. Found: 389.2107.

Example 33

15 3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,6,8trihydro-7H-isoxazolo[4,5-q]quinolin-7-one

a) 6-Acetyl-3,4-dihydro-7-hydroxy-2H-quinolin-2-one
Acetyl chloride (2.0 mL, 28.1 mmoL) was added to a
mixture of 3,4-dihydro-7-methoxy-2H-quinolin-2-one (1.99 g,
11.2 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (30 mL). The mixture
obtained was cooled to 0°C and AlCl₃ (6.0 g, 44.98 mmol) was
30 added in portions. The mixture was heated to reflux for 2
hours. The reaction was cautiously poured over ice-H₂O,
stirred for a minimum of 1 hour (to overnight), and
extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed with
brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated to give the
title compound (1.89 g, 82%) as an off-white solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 12.4 (s, 1H), 10.4 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 2.86 (t, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.46-2.56 (m, 2H).

b) 6-Acetyl-3,4-dihydro-7-hydroxy-2H-quinolin-2-one, 5 6-oxime

An aqueous solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1.47 g, 21.2 mmol) and sodium acetate trihydrate (3.0 g, 22.1 mmol) was added to a mixture of the ketone obtained in step a (1.89 g, 9.2 mmol) in EtOH (100 mL). The mixture obtained was heated to reflux for 4 hours. The reaction was concentrated, and the residue was stirred with H₂O. The solid obtained was collected by filtration, and rinsed with EtOH and Et₂O to give the title compound (1.67 g, 82%) as an off-white solid.

15 M.p.: 286.5-287.7°C (dec).

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 11.7 (s, 1H), 11.3 (s, 1H), 10.1 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 2.81 (t, 2H, J=7.5Hz), 2.43 (t, 2H, J=7.5Hz), 2.21 (s, 3H).

c) 6-Acetyl-3,4-dihydro-7-hydroxy-2H-quinolin-2-one,

20 6-oxime acetate

A heterogenous mixture of the oxime obtained in step b (1.67 g, 7.57 mmol) in acetic anhydride (13 mL) was heated at 80°C for 1.5 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated, and excess acetic anhydride was removed by concentrating from toluene. After drying, the title compound (1.7 g, 86%) was obtained as an off-white solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 11.0 (s, 1H), 10.2 (s, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 2.82 (t, 2H, J=7.5Hz), 2.45 (t, 2H, J=7.5Hz), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H).

d) 5.6.8-Trihydro-7H-isoxazolo[4.5-q]quinolin-7-one
A mixture of the oxime acetate obtained in step c (1.58 g, 6.02 mmol) and pyridine (4.9 mL, 60.2 mmol) in DMF (75 mL) was heated in 125-130°C for 2 hours. The reaction was concentrated in vacuo and the residue obtained was purified by recrystallization (EtOAc) to give the title compound (0.80 g, 66%) as a pale yellow solid.

M.p.: 309-311°C (dec).

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 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 10.4 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 2.99 (t, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 2.49-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

4-[2-[5,6,8-Trihydro-7H-isoxazolo[4,5-q]quinolin-7-one-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 5 <u>dimethylethyl)ester</u>

The procedure described in Example 7a was followed with the benzisoxazole obtained in step d (0.47 g, 2.3 mmol), 1M LDA (8.1 mL, 8.1 mmol), and 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (0.75 g, 2.3 10 mmol) in dry THF (150 mL), except that after addition of reagents, the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 3.5 hours. An additional reaction was benzisoxazole obtained in step d (0.206 g, 1.02 mmol) was carried out in the same manner. Crude product from both reactions was combined and purification by chromatography (EtOAc) gave the title compound (0.72 g, 54% as a white solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 10.4 (s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 3.93 (brd, 2H, J=13.4Hz), 2.89-3.31 (m, 4H), 2.57-2.75 (brm, 2H), 2.49-2.53 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.72 (m, 4H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.36-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.01-1.16 (m, 2H).

3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,6,8f) trihydro-7H-isoxazolo[4,5-g]quinolin-7-one

The procedure described in Example 12f was followed with the piperidine obtained in step e (0.55 g, 1.37 mmol) 25 and TFA (3.5 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (14 mL), and Na_2CO_3 (0.758 g, 7.14 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.23 mL, 1.93 mmol) in DMF (14 After purification by chromatography (5-30% MeOHmL). CH₂Cl₂), the title compound (0.23 g, 43%) was obtained as a white solid. A sample could be recrystallized from EtOAc-30 MeOH.

M.p.: 164.4-165.9°C.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 9.37 (s, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 3.09 (t, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 2.91-2.97 (m, 4H), 2.70 (t, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 2.01 (brt, 2H, J=10.3Hz), 1.75-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.39-1.50 (m, 3H).

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¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) 170.6, 162.0, 158.2, 141.1, 140.9, 128.7, 128.2, 126.8, 121.2, 120.3, 115.7, 94.6, 62.5, 53.2, 34.9, 33.8, 31.6, 30.2, 24.8, 21.9.

IR (KBr) 3172, 3088, 2921, 1694, 1631, 1447, 1381 cm⁻¹. EIMS 389 (M+), 388, 372, 298, 185, 172, 91 (base). HRMS Calc'd. for $C_{24}H_{27}N_3O_2$: 389.2104. Found: 389.2102.

Example 34

6.8-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-7H-pyrrolo[5.4-q]-1.2-benzisoxazol-7-one

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a) 5-Acetyl-1,3-dihydro-4-hydroxy-2H-indol-2-one

An intimate mixture of 4-acetyloxy-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (0.876 g, 4.58 mmol) and AlCl₃ (1.83 g, 13.7 mmol) placed in a tear-shape flask was immersed in an oil bath pre-heated to 190°C and heated for 1 hour. Ice-water was added cautiously to the cooled reaction mixture and stirred for 1.5 hours. Concentrated HCl was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (1 → 3% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (0.441 g, 50%) as an off-white solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 12.6 (s, 1H), 10.8 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, 1H, J=8.4Hz), 6.49 (d, 1H, J=8.4Hz), 3.41 (s, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H).

b) <u>5-Acetyl-1,3-dihydro-4-hydroxy-2H-indol-2-one, 5-oxime</u>

The procedure described in Example 33b was followed with the ketone obtained in step a (0.40 g, 2.09 mmol), and an aqueous solution of NH₂OH hydrochloride (0.29 g, 4.18 mmol), and NaOAc trihydrate (0.569 g, 4.18 mmol) in EtOH (32 mL). After 3 hours, the mixture was diluted with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄),

filtered, and concentrated to give the title compound (0.436 g, quantitative) as an off-white solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO- $^{2}\text{d}_{6}$) δ 12.0 (s, 1H), 11.4 (s, 1H), 10.4 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H, J=8.2Hz), 6.41 9d, 1H, 8.3Hz), 3.34 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H).

c) <u>5-Acetyl-1,3-dihydro-4-hydroxy-2H-indol-2-one, 5-</u> oxime acetate

The procedure described in Example 33c was followed with the oxime obtained in step b (0.392 g, 1.9 mmol) in Ac_2O (10 mL). The solid obtained was freed from any inorganic salts from previous step by stirring in H_2O . Filtration and drying gave the title compound (0.417 g, 88%) as a redpinkish solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 11.45 (s, 1H), 10.6 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, 1H, J=8.2Hz), 6.49 (d, 1H, J=8.2Hz), 3.40 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H).

d) 6.8-Dihydro-3-methyl-7H-pyrrolo[5.4-g]-1.2-benzisoxazol-7-one

The procedure described in Example 33d was followed with the oxime acetate obtained in step c (0.334 g, 1.35 mmol) and pyridine (0.55 mL, 6.75 mmol) in DMF (25 mL). After work-up, the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (50 → 75% EtOAc-hexanes) to give the title compound (0.086 g, 34%) as a white solid.

M.p.: 259-260°C (dec).

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 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 10.79 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, 1H, J=8.5Hz), 6.92 (d, 1H, J=8.3Hz), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H).

e) 4-[2-[6,8-Dihydro-7H-pyrrolo[5,4-g]-1,2-benzisoxazol-7-one-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

The procedure described in Example 7a was followed with the benzisoxazole obtained in step d (0.040 g, 0.213 mmol), 1M LDA (0.85 mL, 0.85 mmol), and 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidine-carboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (0.078 g, 1.234 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL), except that after addition of reagents, the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 4 hours.

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Purification by chromatography (25 → 45% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound (0.042 g, 51%) as a pale yellow solid.

 1 -NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.85 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, 1H, J=8.1Hz), 6.95 (d, 1H, J=8.3Hz), 4.08-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 2.99 5 (t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 2.68 (brt, 2H, J=12.1Hz), 1.73-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.17 (ddd, 2H, J=23.2Hz, J=12.1Hz, J=4.3Hz).

6,8-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]f) ethyl]-7H-pyrrolo[5,4-q]-1,2-benzisoxazol-7-one

The procedure described in Example 12f was followed with the piperidine obtained in step e (0.042 g, 0.109 mmol) and TFA (1.5 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL), Na_2CO_3 (0.058 g, 0.545 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.016 mL, 0.131 mmol) in DMF (6 mL). After purification by chromatography (1-10% MeOH-15 CH₂Cl₂), the title compound (0.018 g, 44%) was obtained as an off-white solid.

M.p.: 188-189°C.

 $^{1}H-NMR$ (CDCl₃) δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, 1H, J=8.1Hz), 7.23-7.33 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d, 1H, J=8.2Hz), 3.77 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 2.93-2.99 (m, 4H), 2.02 (brt, 2H, J=10.7Hz), 1.75-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.26-1.39 (m, 3H).

 13 C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 158.9, 158.5, 145.0, 129.4, 128.3, 127.2, 121.5, 117.9, 107.1, 105.1, 63.2, 53.5, 35.1, 34.1, 33.8, 31.7, 29.7, 22.5.

Example 35

5.7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[5,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one

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a) 6-Acetyl-1,3-dihydro-5-hydroxy-2H-indol-2-one

The procedure described in Example 33a was followed with 1,3-dihydro-5-methoxy-2H-indol-2-one (4.4 g, 26.96 mmol), acetyl chloride (4.8 mL, 67.41 mmol), and AlCl₃ (14.4 g, 107.8 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (210 mL) for 6 hours. After aqueous work-up and overnight stirring, a precipitate was obtained. This yellow solid was collected by filtration and dried to give the title compound (2.7 g, 52%).

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 12.0 (s, 1H), 10.4 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H).

b) 6-Acetyl-1,3-dihydro-5-hydroxy-2H-indol-2-one, 6-oxime

The procedure described in Example 33b was followed with the ketone obtained in step a (2.7 g, 14.4 mmol), and an aqueous solution of NH₂OH hydrochloride (2.26 g, 32.5 mmol) and NaOAc trihydrate (4.6 g, 33.9 mmol) in EtOH (155 mL) to give the title compound (2.7 g, 93%) as an off-white solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 11.5 (s, 1H), 11.3 (s, 1H), 10.2 (s, 20 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H).

c) 6-Acetyl-1,3-dihydro-5-hydroxy-2H-indol-2-one, 6-oxime acetate

The procedure described in Example 33c was followed with the oxime obtained in step b (2.7 g, 13.1 mmol) in Ac_2O (65 mL) for 3 hours to give the title compound (2.93 g, 90%) as an off-white solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 10.4 (s, 1H), 10.2 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H).

d) <u>5,7-Dihydro-3-methyl-6H-pyrrolo[5,4-f]-1,2-</u>

30 <u>benzisoxazol-6-one</u>

The procedure described in Example 33d was followed with the oxime acetate obtained in step c (2.75 g, 10.97 mmol) and pyridine (8.9 mL, 109.7 mmol) in DMF (110 m). After concentration in vacuo, the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (2% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to give the title compound (0.245 g, 12%) as a pastel yellow solid.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 10.6 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H).

e) 4-[2-[5,7-Dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[5,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one-3-yl]ethyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylic acid,
5 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester

The procedure described in Example 7a was followed with the benzisoxazole obtained in step d (0.152 g, 0.808 mmol), 1M LDA (3.2 mL, 3.2 mmol), and 4-iodomethyl-1-piperidine-carboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (0.315 g, 0.970 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL), except that after addition of reagents, the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 4.5 hours. Purification by chromatography (50% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) gave an inseparable mixture (0.153 g, 1.6:1) of starting material and the title compound, respectively, as a pale yellow soft solid. In a separate experiment, a better ratio (starting material/title compound → 1:3) was observed.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.84 (s, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 4.05-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.96 (t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 2.68 (brt, 2H, J=11.8Hz), 1.72-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 20 1.43-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.15 (ddd, 2H, J=23.6Hz, J=12.1Hz, J=4.0Hz).

f) 5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[5,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one

The procedure described in Example 12f was followed with the mixture obtained in step a (0.153 g) and TFA (1.5 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL). Only a portion of the crude salt mixture (0.081 g) was utilized in the alkylation step: Na₂CO₃ (0.041 g, 0.388 mmol) and benzyl bromide (0.012 mL, 0.101 mmol) in DMF (6 mL). Note: For the alkylation step, the solvent (DMF) was thoroughly degassed with Ar and work-up with saturated NaHCO₃ was omitted (brine was used instead). After purification (2-6% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂), the title compound (0.018 g, 60% based on percentage of desired starting material) was obtained as a light yellow solid.

35 M.p.: 204.5-205.5°C (dec).

 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 5H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.50-3.52 (m, 2H),

2.90-2.99 (m, 4H), 1.92-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.30-1.40 (m, 3H).

Example 36

3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1H-indazole

5 maleate

a) 1-(2-Fluorophenyl)-3-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]propanone

Lithium hexamethyldisilazide (1M, 14.5 mL, 14.5 mmol) was added to a solution of o-fluoroacetophenone (2.0 g, 14.5 10 mmol) in THF (100 mL) at -78°C. The mixture obtained was allowed to warm to -20°C over a 30-60 minute period and then re-cooled to -78°C. A solution of 4-carboxaldehyde-1piperidinecarboxylic acid, 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)ester (2.94 g, 14.5 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added. The mixture was 15 kept at -78°C for 30 minutes and then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 40 minutes. Saturated NH4Cl was added and the reaction was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried (MgSO4), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (30 → 50% 20 EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) gave a yellow oil (2.14 g). ¹H-NMR showed mixture of compounds (two major components). Further purification was not attempted. Used as such in next step.

A portion of the mixture obtained above (0.661 g) and PtO₂ (0.070 g, 0.31 mmol) in EtOH was hydrogenated in a Parr shaker at 48 psi for 2 hours. The mixture was filtered through a Celite pad and the filtrate was concentrated. An additional reaction with the mixture above (1.00 g) was also carried out. Crude products from these reactions were combined and purified by silica gel flash chromatography (1 → 3% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂, then 30% EtOAc-hexanes) to give the title compound (0.192 g, 5.3% overall) as a colorless oil.

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dt, 1H, J=7.6Hz, J=1.8Hz), 7.47-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.33 (m, 7H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.95-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.89 (brd, 2H, J=11.4Hz), 1.94 (brt, 2H, J=11.1Hz), 1.63-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.24-1.39 (m, 3H).

EIMS: 325 (M+), 202, 188, 172, 91, 66 (base).

b) 3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1H-indazole_maleate

A mixture of the ketone obtained in step b (0.178 g, 0.55 mmol) in anhydrous hydrazine (10 mL) was heated to reflux for 3 hours. The reaction was allowed to cool, H₂O was added, and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel radial chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ → 10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) gave the title compound, free base (0.047 g, 27%) as a colorless oil.

The maleate salt was prepared by adding a solution of maleic acid (0.010 g, 0.085 mmol) in Et_2O (5 mL) to a solution of the free base (0.027 g, 0.085 mmol) in Et_2O (75 mL). The white solid obtained was collected by filtration to give the title compound (0.014 g, 38%).

M.p.: 151.5-152.5°C

 $^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d₆) δ 12.64 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, 1H, J=8.0Hz), 7.44-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.31 (t, 1H, J=7.3Hz), 7.06 (t, 1H, J=7.4Hz), 6.02 (s, 2H), 4.24 (br s, 2H), 2.93 (t, 2H, J=7.6Hz), 1.90-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.80 (m, 3H), 1.30-1.50 (m, 4H).

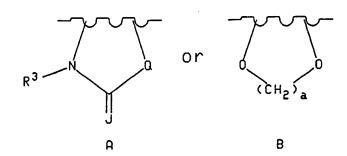
CLAIMS

A compound of the formula

$$R^{1}$$
 $Y-Y$
 R^{8}
 $N-L$
 (1)

wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from hydrogen, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, benzyloxy, phenoxy, hydroxy, phenyl, benzyl, halo, nitro, cyano, COR5, -COOR5, -CONHR5, -NR5R6, -NR5COR6, -OCONR⁵R⁶, -NHCOOR⁵, (C₁-C₆) alkyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 fluorine atoms; SO,CH2-phenyl or SO,(C1-C6)alkyl, wherein p is 0, 1 or 2; pyridylmethyloxy or thienylmethyloxy; 2-oxazolyl, 2-thiazolyl and benzenesulfonamide; wherein the phenyl moieties of said phenoxy, benzyloxy, phenyl, benzyl and benzenesulfonamide groups, the pyridyl thienyl moieties of said pyridylmethyloxy thienylmethyloxy and the oxazolyl and thiazolyl moieties of 20 may and 2-thiazolyl optionally 2-oxaxolyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from halo, (C_1-C_4) alkyl, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, cyano, nitro and hydroxy;

or R^1 and R^2 , when attached to adjacent carbon atoms and when X is oxygen, sulfur or NR^4 wherein R^4 is hydrogen or $(C_1-C_4$ alkyl) may form, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, a group of the formula



wherein J is oxygen, sulfur or NR^4 , "a" is 1 or 2, R^3 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) alkyl and Q is oxygen, sulfur, NH, CHCH₃, $C(CH_3)_2$, -CH=CH-, or $(CH_2)_1$ wherein l is an integer from 1 to 3;

X is oxygen, sulfur, -CH=CH-, -CH=N-, -N=CH-, -N=N-, or NR⁴ wherein R⁴ is hydrogen or (C_1-C_4) alkyl;

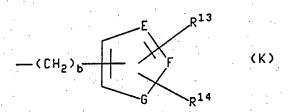
Y is $-(CH_2)_m$ -, $-CH=CH(CH_2)_n$ -, $-NR^4(CH_2)_m$ -, or $-O(CH_2)_m$ -wherein R^4 is defined as above, n is an integer from 0 to 3 and m is an integer from 1 to 3;

R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently selected from hydrogen,
20 (C₁-C₆)alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, wherein the phenyl moieties
of said phenyl and benzyl may optionally be substituted with
1 or 2 substituents independently selected from fluoro,
chloro, bromo, iodo, (C₁-C₄) alkyl, trifluoromethyl, (C₁-C₄)
alkoxy, cyano, nitro and hydroxy, or NR⁵R⁶ together form a 4
25 to 8 membered ring wherein one atom of the ring is nitrogen
and the others are carbon, oxygen or nitrogen, or NR⁵COR⁶
together form a 4 to 8 membered cyclic lactam ring;

M is -CH- or nitrogen;

L is phenyl, phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl, cinnamyl or pyridylmethyl, wherein the phenyl moieties of said phenyl and phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl may optionally be substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from (C_1-C_6) alkyl, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy, (C_1-C_4) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_4) alkylcarbonyl - OCONR⁵R⁶, -NHCOOR⁵ or halo; or L is a group of the formula

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wherein b is an integer from 1 to 4, R¹³ and R¹⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, (C₁-C₄) alkyl, halo and phenyl, E and F are independently selected from -CH- and nitrogen, and G is oxygen, sulfur or NR⁴ wherein R⁴ is defined as above, with the proviso that when E and F are both nitrogen, one of R¹³ and R¹⁴ is absent; and

 R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) alkylcarbonyl and (C_1-C_6) alkoxy, with the proviso that said (C_1-C_6) alkoxy is not attached to a carbon that is adjacent to a nitrogen;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of such compound.

- A compound according to claim 1, wherein X is sulfur or oxygen, Y is -CH₂-CH₂-, or -CH₂-, M is -CH- and L is benzyl, R¹ and R² are (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, NR⁵R⁶, or NR⁵COR⁶, R³ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl, J is oxygen or sulfur and Q is CH(CH₃), CH(CH₃)₂, -CH=CH or (CH₂)₁.
 - 3. A compound selected from the group consisting of: 3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisoxazole;

5-Methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

5,6-Dimethyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

5-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1.2-benzisoxazole;

6-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1.2-benzisoxazole;

7-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]5 1,2-benzisoxazole;

6-Acetamido-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

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6-Amino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-
   1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Benzamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-
   piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Benzenesulfonamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-
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   piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-(4-Morpholinyl)-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-
   piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-
10 piperidinyl|ethyl|-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
        1-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-
   isoquinoline;
        3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-
   benzisothiazole;
        4-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidnyl]ethyl]-1,3-
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   quinazoline;
        6-Hydroxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-
   1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Bromo-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,2-
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   benzisoxazole;
        6-Cyano-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,2-
   benzisoxazole;
        6-Carboxamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]-
   ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        3-[(1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidyl)methoxy]-1,2-
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   benzisoxazole;
        3-[(1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidyl)methylamino]-1,2-
   benzisoxazole;
        3-[2-(1-Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl)ethylamino]-1,2-
30 benzisoxazole;
        3-[3-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]propyl]-1,2-
   benzisoxazole;
        trans-3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethenyl]-1,2-
   benzisoxazole;
        3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperazinyl]ethyl]-1,2-
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   benzisoxazole;
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5,7-Dihydro-7-methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-
piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
     5,7-Dihydro-7-ethyl-3-[2[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-
piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
     5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(2-chloro-5-thiophenemethyl)-4-
piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
     5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(2-methyl-4-thiazolemethyl)-4-
piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
     3-[2-[1-(3-Bromophenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-5,7-
dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
     3-[2-[1-(4-Bromophenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,7-
dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
     5,7-Dihydro-3-[3-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-
propyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
     3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,6,8-
trihydro-7H-isoxazolo[4,5-g]quinolin-7-one;
     6,8-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-
ethyl]-7H-pyrrolo[5,4-g]-1,2-benzisoxazol-7-one;
     5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-
ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[5,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
     3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1H-
indazole;
     and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such
compounds.
         A compound according to claim 1, selected from the
group consisting of:
     3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-
benzisoxazole maleate;
     5,6-dimethyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-
ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate;
     5-methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-
1,2-benzisoxazole maleate;
     7-methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-
1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate;
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6-benzamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-

ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate;

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6-benzenesulfonamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate; and

1-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]isoquinoline
maleate.

5. A compound of the formula

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wherein W is a leaving group; j is an integer from 0 to 2; R¹⁰ is a nitrogen protecting group; and R⁷ and R⁸ are independently selected from hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁-C₆)alkylcarbonyl and (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, with the proviso that said (C₁-C₆)alkoxy is not attached to a carbon that is adjacent to a nitrogen.

6. A compound of the formula

$$\mathbb{R}^{1}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{2}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{2}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{2}$$

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^7 , R^8 , X, Y and M are as defined in claim 1 and R^{11} is hydrogen or a nitrogen protecting group.

7. A compound of the formula

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$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{8}

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^7 , R^8 and L are as defined in claim 1 and Y' is $-CH=CH-(CH_2)_m-or-(CH_2)_m-$.

- 8. A pharmaceutical composition for enhancing memory or treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 - 9. A pharmaceutical composition for inhibiting cholinesterase in a mammal, comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 - 10. A method of inhibiting cholinesterase in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a cholinesterase inhibiting amount of a compound according to claim 1.
- 11. A method of enhancing memory or treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease, comprising administering to a patient a memory enhancing effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
 - 12. A process for preparing a compound having the formula

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wherein R¹ and R² are independently selected from hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, benzyloxy, phenoxy, hydroxy, phenyl, benzyl, halo, nitro, cyano, COR⁵, -COOR⁵, -CONHR⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, - NR⁵COR⁶, -OCONR⁵R⁶, -NHCOOR⁵, (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 fluorine atoms; SO_pCH₂-phenyl or SO_p(C₁-C₆)alkyl, wherein p is 0, 1 or 2; pyridylmethyloxy or thienyl-methyloxy; 2-oxazolyl, 2-thiazolyl and benzenesulfonamide; wherein the phenyl moieties of said phenoxy, benzyloxy, phenyl, benzyl and benzenesulfonamide groups, the pyridyl and thienyl moieties of said pyridylmethyloxy or thienylmethyloxy and the oxazolyl and

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thiazolyl moieties of said 2-oxaxolyl and 2-thiazolyl may optionally be substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from halo, (C_1-C_4) alkyl, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, cyano, nitro and hydroxy;

or R^1 and R^2 , when attached to adjacent carbon atoms and when X is oxygen, sulfur or NR^4 wherein R^4 is hydrogen or $(C_1-C_4$ alkyl) may form, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, a group of the formula

10 R^{3} R^{3}

wherein J is oxygen, sulfur or NR⁴, "a" is 1 or 2, R³ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆) alkyl and Q is oxygen, sulfur, NH, CHCH₃, C(CH₃)₂, -CH=CH-, or (CH₂)₁ wherein l is an integer from 1 to 3;

X is oxygen, sulfur, -CH=CH-, -CH=N-, -N=CH-, -N=N-, or NR⁴ wherein R^4 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_4) alkyl;

m is an integer from 1 to 3;

 R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) alkylcarbonyl and (C_1-C_6) alkoxy, with the proviso that said (C_1-C_6) alkoxy is not attached to a carbon that is adjacent to a nitrogen;

L is phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl, pyridylmethyl, or a group of the formula K;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof; comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

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wherein R¹, R², X, m, R⁷, and R⁸ are defined as above with a compound of formula WL wherein W is a leaving group and L is defined as above; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-A obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

13. A process for preparing a compound having the formula

I-B

25 wherein R^1 , R^2 , X, m, R^7 and R^8 are defined as in claim 12; L is phenyl or cinnamyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof;

comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , and X are defined as in claim 12 with a compound of the formula

wherein W, m, R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as in claim 12, and R¹⁰ is L as defined above; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-B obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

14. A process for preparing a compound having the 15 formula

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , X, R^7 and R^8 are defined as in claim 12;

n is an integer from 0 to 3;

25 M is nitrogen or -CH-;

L is phenyl, cinnamyl, phenyl- (C_1-C_6) alkyl, pyridylmethyl, or a group of the formula K;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof;

30 comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

wherein R^1 , R^2 and X are defined as in claim 12, R^9 is hydrogen or halo with a compound of the formula

wherein R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as in claim 12, and n, M and L are defined as above; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-C obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

15. A process for preparing a compound having the 15 formula

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{7}
 R^{8}
 R^{8}

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , X, R^7 , R^8 and L are defined as in claim 12;

M is defined as in claim 14;

Y is $-(CH_2)_m$ -, $-CH=CH(CH_2)_n$ -, $-NR^4(CH_2)_m$ -, or $-O(CH_2)_m$ -wherein R^4 is defined as above, n is an integer from 0 to 3 and m is an integer from 1 to 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt 30 thereof;

comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

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wherein R^1 , R^2 and X are defined as in claim 12, R^{12} is halo 10 with a compound of the formula

wherein m, R^7 and R^8 are defined as in claim 12, M and L are defined as in claim 14, and Z is OH or NHR⁴ wherein R^4 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_4) alkyl; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-D obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

16. A process for preparing a compound having the 25 formula

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 $I-D$
 R^{7}
 R^{8}

wherein R¹, R², X, R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as in claim 12; 35 M and L are defined as in claim 14; Y is defined as in claim 15; or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof;

comprising: / (a) reacting a compound of formula

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wherein R¹, R², X, R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as in claim 12, M is defined as in claim 3, and Y is defined as in claim 15 with a compound of the formula WL wherein W and L are defined as in claim 12, and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-D obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

17. A process for preparing a compound having the formula

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$$\mathbb{R}^{1}$$
 \mathbb{R}^{1}
 \mathbb{R}^{1}
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 \mathbb{R}^{8}
 \mathbb{R}^{8}

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , X, m, R^7 and R^8 are defined as in claim 12; L is defined as in claim 14;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof;

comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

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XIII

wherein R^1 , R^2 and X are defined as in claim 12 and R^{12} is halo with a compound of the formula

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wherein R^7 and R^8 are defined as in claim 12, and L is defined as in claim 14; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-E obtained thereby with a 20 pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

A process for preparing a compound having the formula

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^7 and R^8 are defined as in claim 12;

L is defined as in claim 14;

X is oxygen or NR4 wherein R4 is defined as in claim 15;

n' is an integer from 0 to 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof;

comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{8}
 R^{8}
 R^{8}

wherein R¹, R², R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as in claim 12, L is defined as in claim 14, and n' is defined as above with hydrazines or hydroxylamines; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-F obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

19. A process for preparing a compound having the 15 formula

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 $I-G$
 R^{7}
 R^{8}

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^7 and R^8 are defined as in claim 12; L is defined as in claim 14;

X is defined as in claim 18;

n' is an integer from 0 to 1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt

30 thereof;

comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

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\end{array}$$

wherein R¹, R², R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as in claim 12, L is defined as in claim 14, and n' is defined as above with hydrazines or hydroxylamines; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-G obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

15 20. A process for preparing a compound having the formula

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{8}

I-H

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wherein R^1 , R^2 , m, R^7 , R^8 and L are defined as in claim 12; or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof;

comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{8}
 R^{8}

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wherein R¹, R², m, R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as in claim 12 with a compound of formula WL wherein W and L are defined as in claim 12; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-H obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

15 21. A process for preparing a compound having the formula

$$R^3$$
 R^3
 R^3

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wherein m, R^7 , R^8 and L are defined as in claim 12;

X and J are oxygen, sulfur, or NR⁴ wherein R⁴ is defined as in claim 15;

Q is oxygen, sulfur, NH, CHCH₃, C(CH₃)₂, -CH=CH-, or (CH₂)₁ wherein 1 is an integer from 1 to 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof;

comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

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$$(C_1-C_4)$$
 alkyl N

wherein m, R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as in claim 12, and X, J and q are defined as above with a compound of formula WL wherein W and L are defined as in claim 12; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-J obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

15 22. A process for preparing a compound having the formula

$$(c_1-c_4)$$
 alkyl N R^3 R^8 R^8

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wherein m, R^7 and R^8 are defined as in claim 12;

L is defined as in claim 14;

X, J and Q are defined as in claim 21;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt 30 thereof;

comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

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wherein m, R^7 , R^8 and L are defined as in claim 12, X, J, and Q are defined as in claim 21, or a compound of the formula

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wherein m, R^7 , and R^8 are define as in claim 12, L is defined as in claim 13, X, J and Q are defined as in claim 21 with an alkylating agent of formula (C_1-C_4) alkyl-W wherein W is defined as in claim 12; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-J obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

23. A process for preparing a compound having the formula

$$R^3$$
 N
 R^8
 $N-L$
 R^8
 $N-L$

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wherein m, R^7 , R^8 and L are defined as in claim 12;

X and Q are defined as in claim 21;

 R^3 is (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt 5 thereof;

comprising: (a) reacting a compound of formula

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wherein m, R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as in claim 12, X and Q are defined as in claim 21, and R³ is defined as above with a compound of the formula WL wherein W and L are defined as in claim 12; and (b) optionally reacting the compound of formula I-I obtained thereby with a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

24. A process according to any of the preceding claims wherein X is sulfur or oxygen, Y is -CH₂-CH₂-, or -CH₂-, M is -CH- and L is benzyl, R¹ and R² are (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₅)alkoxy, NR⁵R⁶, or NR⁵COR⁶, R³ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl, J is oxygen or sulfur and Q is CH(CH₃), CH(CH₃)₂, -CH=CH or (CH₂)₁.

25. A process according to any of the preceding claims wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting 30 of:

3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisoxazole;

5-Methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

5,6-Dimethyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;

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5-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-
    1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-
    1,2-benzisoxazole;
        7-Methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-
    1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Acetamido-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-
    ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Amino-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-
10 1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Benzamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-
    ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Benzenesulfonamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-
   piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        6-(4-Morpholiny1)-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethy1)-4-
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   piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-
   ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
        1-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-
   isoquinoline;
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        3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-
   benzisothiazole;
        4-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidnyl]ethyl]-1,3-
   quinazoline;
        6-Hydroxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-
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   1.2-benzisoxazole;
        6-Bromo-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,2-
   benzisoxazole;
        6-Cyano-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethyl]-1,2-
   benzisoxazole;
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        6-Carboxamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]-
   ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole;
        3-[(1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidyl)methoxy]-1,2-
   benzisoxazole;
        3-[(1-Phenylmethyl-4-piperidyl)methylamino]-1,2-
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   benzisoxazole;
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- 3-[2-(1-Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl)ethylamino]-1,2benzisoxazole;
- 3-[3-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]propyl]-1,2benzisoxazole;
- 5 trans-3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]ethenyl]-1,2benzisoxazole;
 - 3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperazinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisoxazole;
- 5,7-Dihydro-7-methyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-10 piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 5,7-Dihydro-7-ethyl-3-[2[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(2-chloro-5-thiophenemethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
- 5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(2-methyl-4-thiazolemethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 3-[2-[1-(3-Bromophenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-5,7-dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 3-[2-[1-(4-Bromophenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,7dihydro-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 5,7-Dihydro-3-[3-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propyl]-6H-pyrrolo[4,5-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
 - 3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-5,6,8-trihydro-7H-isoxazolo[4,5-g]quinolin-7-one;
- 6,8-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-7H-pyrrolo[5,4-g]-1,2-benzisoxazol-7-one;
 - 5,7-Dihydro-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-6H-pyrrolo[5,4-f]-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-one;
- 3-[2-[1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1H30 indazole;
 - and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds.
 - 26. A process according to any of the preceding claims wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:
 - 3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2benzisoxazole maleate;

5,6-dimethyl-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate;

5-methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]1,2-benzisoxazole maleate;

7-methoxy-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate;

6-benzamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole maleate;

6-benzenesulfonamide-3-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-10 piperidinyl]ethyl]-1,2-benzisoxazole fumarate; and 1-[2-[1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinyl]ethyl]isoquinoline

maleate.

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